



## Larry Edward "Ed" Knott

March 22, 1951 - March 3, 2026

Larry Edward "Ed" Knott, 74, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at OSF Hospital. He was born March 22, 1951, in Peoria, Illinois, to Orville "Barney" Knott and Betty Lou Kirk.

Ed had a deep love for blues music and played a pivotal role in the creation of the River City Blues Society, where he served as president for many years. For more than two decades, he passionately served as the talent buyer and master of ceremonies for the Illinois Blues Festival, helping bring great blues music to the community he loved.

Ed spent his career working in the HVAC field with the family business. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, playing pool and darts, and listening to music.

He is survived by his daughter, Tiffany (Dominic) Butera of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his beloved granddaughter, Isabella. He is also survived by his brother, Greg Greenwald of Chino Valley, Arizona; his sister, Connie Scherer of Peoria, Illinois; and his niece and nephew, Julie and Spencer Knott of Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Gary Knott; and one sister.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Schmidt-Haller. No services are scheduled.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ So sorry to about Ed’s passing, He was a friend for years., I have many memories of the blues fests and the friendship we had. Rest in peace

Ray Reising - March 10 at 07:20 PM

CU

“ Tiffany and Isabella so sorry for your loss. You two was his world. He will be missed. I have lots of memories of him. Ed and I go back to high school where we both went to Richwoods. Also worked for him on every Monday for the last 5 years. May He Rest In Peace now.



Chris Updike - March 08 at 02:30 PM

TA

“ So sorry , condolences go to Tiffany and family . My husband Terry used bowl on Saturday with him . And work at the railroad , he was a great person . And always liked music had so many records .

theresa adams - March 07 at 09:02 AM

KC

“ RIP Ed. One of the most interesting men I had the pleasure of knowing. Peace to his family, especially Tiffany. Make all those people up there laugh. Fly high!

Krus Coker-Schlink - March 07 at 08:39 AM

DM

“ I met Ed through bowling with the Walking or Wheeling (WOW) league at Landmark. He was a funny guy and a giving person. Missed contact with him. Glad he was able to spend time with his daughter Tiffany. I remember little Tiffany. Sorry for your loss. Ed knew my husband Mike Jones and really liked him a lot. Mike passed on September 2, 1987. You have my deepest condolences to you and your family. Debbie Jones Matheny. I just lost my second husband Stan Matheny in November.

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**Debbie Matheny** - March 06 at 03:27 PM

LW

“ I will miss you, Ed. Your struggle is over. Fly high!



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**Liz White** - March 06 at 02:06 PM

JM

“ My condolences to Tiffany and family. I have many memories of Ed and always enjoyed his humor and wit! I will light a candle on my beautiful deck you built and think of you often. A man of many talents! RIP.

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**Jackie Monckton** - March 06 at 01:56 PM

DM

“ Diana McConnell lit a candle in memory of Larry Edward "Ed" Knott



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**Diana McConnell** - March 05 at 03:57 PM



*My condolences to Ed's family and friends over his loss. Rest in peace.*

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**Diana McConnell** - March 05 at 03:59 PM