



Raymond Edward Blessing

July 11, 1941 - August 17, 2025

Easton – Raymond Edward “Eddy” Blessing, a dedicated public servant passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Easton, Maryland on July 11, 1941 to the late William and Alice Blessing and was the brother to five siblings Lillian Carroll, Vernon Brogley, Virginia Todd, Howard Blessing, and Margaret Voshell.

Eddy grew up on a farm, but after high school, chose a different path. He worked for Rudd’s Pest Control and joined the Maryland National Guard. It was during that time that he decided to become a police officer.

In August 1964, he joined the Easton Police Department and was the first formally trained police officer at EPD. He trained in Pikesville, at the MD State Police Training Academy. On December 15, 1972, he graduated from The FBI National Academy-91st Class.

On September 8, 1964, he married Doris Thompson. Although they weren’t successful in marriage, they grew to be lasting friends.

On July 17, 1976, he married Donna Lorah and they were inseparable. Their devotion to each other and their family was an inspiration. They recently

celebrated 49 loving years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Robin O'Brien (Billy), Stacie Johnson (Sonny), Billy Blessing (Tish), and Steve Repetti (Angie), seven grandchildren Amber, Ashley, Sydney, Mason, Riley, Wyatt, Lanna, and two great grandchildren Baker and Lila, with another arriving in January. He is also survived by sisters, Ginny Todd and Margie Voshell, a brother-in-law Ronnie Lorah, and several nieces and nephews.

He rose through the ranks at EPD, becoming the Chief of Police in 1980. After 31 years of dedicated service he retired in June 1995 and after just 32 days of retirement, joined the Talbot County Sheriff's Department, as Chief Deputy. He retired from the Sheriff's Department in December 2002.

He is past member of the Easton Jaycees, Easton Moose Club, Fraternal Order of Police, Eastern Shore Police Association, National Academy Association, and was a member of the Law Enforcement Advisory Boards of Chesapeake College and Wor-Wic Community College. In 1989, he was sworn in as President of Maryland Chiefs of Police Association.

He was extremely proud of bringing the D.A.R.E. program to Talbot County, as it's still taught in the schools today. He was passionate about teaching children about the dangers of drugs.

Eddy was an avid sports enthusiast and played on or managed the Easton Jaycees and Doc's Quick Shop softball teams. During the early years, he took hunting parties and played on the Moose Club's shuffleboard league. He was also the Tidewater Softball League Commissioner. As his son Billy grew, he coached the majority of his teams from T-Ball, Little League, Senior League, All-stars, and soccer.

For all of his career accomplishments, he was most proud of his family. He was a “BLESSING” and told everyone who cared to listen! He also dearly loved his Schipperke dogs, Chief and Matti. He could be found on the sidelines of his grandchildren’s various events and would blow a fierce piercing whistle, so they knew he was there. He raised a strong, loving family who will dearly miss him.

A celebration to honor Eddy’s life will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at the Easton Church of God, 1009 N. Washington St, Easton, MD. A viewing will begin at 10:00 am, followed by the service at 11:00. Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, 11365 Ocean Gateway, Easton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Talbot Hospice Foundation Inc., Talbot Humane Society, or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Church of God
1009 North Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Church of God
1009 North Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

FI

“ Lieve familie van Raymond Blessing, lees nu pas dat Raymond is overleden. Ik had hem graag nog eens willen spreken over zijn vriendschap met mijn man Piet Hein Cramer, die in 2014, veel te vroeg overleed. Op mijn bureau ligt een brief van Raymond waarin hij zo ontzettend aardig en leuk vertelt hoe hecht die vriendschap voor hem is geweest. Ik kende Raymond zelf alleen uit de verhalen van Piet Hein...Het spijt mij zo dat ik nooit contact met hem heb gezocht. En nu kan dat niet meer... Ik wens jullie heel veel sterkte met het verlies.

Fietje Cramer, Marnixstraat 8, 2251KE Voorschoten

Fietje - October 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Blessing.



August 25, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.

August 25, 2025 at 10:29 PM

GB

“ Gary And Kathy Ball lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Gary and Kathy Ball - August 25, 2025 at 11:13 AM

SJ

“ RIP Chief You will be missed by everyone!!!



Sol & Lynda James - August 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

BB

“ Sending our condolences and prayers for all of the Blessing family. May he Rest in Peace.



Ben and Edna Blue - August 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LL

“ Love, Linda, Gary, Rob and Lauren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Edward Blessing.



Love, Linda, Gary, Rob and Lauren - August 25, 2025 at 08:18 AM

LL

“ Love, Linda, Gary, Rob and Lauren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.

Love, Linda, Gary, Rob and Lauren - August 25, 2025 at 08:18 AM

SG

“ Steve Gadow lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Steve Gadow - August 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM

CR

“ Cpl. Jimmy Rogers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Edward Blessing.



Cpl. Jimmy Rogers - August 24, 2025 at 02:36 PM

CR

“ Cpl. Jimmy Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.

Cpl. Jimmy Rogers - August 24, 2025 at 02:36 PM

RK

“ Ronald K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.

Ronald K. - August 24, 2025 at 12:59 PM

PF

“ Eddie was on duty for the people of Easton most of his adult life. He made a difference here and we will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Donna and the family.



Phil Foster - August 23, 2025 at 01:27 AM

RJ

Sorry about Mr. Eddy aunt ginny. Ordered a grove of 3 tree's for him. Lots of love to the best aunt ever. Jene and ronnie

Ronald k todd jr - August 24, 2025 at 01:06 PM

MM

“ Montrese M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.

Montrese M. - August 22, 2025 at 09:51 PM

AS

“ Ed was a 41 year Life member of Easton Elks Lodge 1622. He enjoyed the activities through the years, especially the Easter Egg hunt when his grandchildren were young.

Andrea Shoener - August 22, 2025 at 08:03 PM

LG

“ *Leslie Gay lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing*



Leslie Gay - August 21, 2025 at 11:07 PM

LG

Always the perfect gentleman. Eddy will be missed by many. Condolences and deepest heartfelt sympathy to Donna, Billy and the entire Blessing Family. R.I.P Eddy.

Leslie Gay - August 21, 2025 at 11:13 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Edward Blessing.*



Bonnie S. - August 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Mark Secrist lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing*



Peggy Mark Secrist - August 20, 2025 at 07:42 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - August 20, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BT

“ Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Betsy Dulin Truitt - August 20, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SR

“ Sgt. Melvin E. Marshall, Sr., Ret'd. lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Sgt. Melvin E. Marshall, Sr., Ret'd. - August 20, 2025 at 01:45 PM

SR

Sgt. Melvin E, Marshall, Sr., Retired & Mrs Susan L. Marshall

Sgt. Melvin E. Marshall, Sr., Ret'd. - August 20, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ *Billy and Stacie,
Your father was a special man in my life. I was fortunate to have him as my friend. He loved coaching baseball and soccer. I was grateful he coached Kyle in both sports.
Thank you Stacie for sharing with him the devastating time in my life when I found myself suddenly unemployed. I received a call from him that very afternoon and as one of last official acts as chief of the Easton Police Department he hired me.
He is already missed. Much love to your family.
Respectfully, Mike Stoker*

Mike Stoker - August 20, 2025 at 12:17 PM

LC

“ *Stacie. My sympathies to you and your family. I think everyone knew or knew of your father. He touched many people in his lifetime.*

Lynn Crouch - August 20, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with my brother in heaven and all of his families and friends!
Margie & Joe*



Joe and Margaret B. Voshell - August 20, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Edward Blessing.*

August 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Blessing.



August 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Doug Pierson - August 20, 2025 at 07:08 AM



“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - August 19, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers 🙏 to Donna, Robin, Billy, and the rest of the family in your loss of a great man. RIP Chief Blessing. 🚔♂️
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George and Cathy Ball 🙏🙏

George Ball - August 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ Johnny Stubbs lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Edward Blessing



Johnny Stubbs - August 19, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CB

“ Colleen Bennett lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Edward Blessing



Colleen Bennett - August 19, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MW

“ Mary Wyatt lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Edward Blessing



Mary Wyatt - August 19, 2025 at 12:12 PM

VW

“ Valerie Dobson Wheatley lit a candle in
memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Valerie Dobson Wheatley - August 19, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SN

“ Sharon Neuwiller lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Sharon Neuwiller - August 19, 2025 at 10:27 AM

FG

“ Faye Gadow lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Faye Gadow - August 19, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing



Tim & Laura Bishop - August 19, 2025 at 09:38 AM



My Father thought a lot of Mr. Blessing. He served in the National Guard with him. Dad spoke of Mr. Eddie often. God Bless his family.

Tim & Laura Bishop - August 21, 2025 at 09:17 PM

SE

“ *Sandy Hall Eure lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing*



Sandy Hall Eure - August 19, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SE

So very sorry for the loss of Chief. Sending hugs and prayers for comfort to the family!

Sandy Hall Eure - August 19, 2025 at 09:25 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing*



Agnes Blades - August 19, 2025 at 08:21 AM

AB

So very, very sorry for your loss...

Agnes Blades - August 19, 2025 at 08:22 AM

PT

“ *Penny Trice lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Blessing*



Penny Trice - August 18, 2025 at 11:07 PM

DP

“ *Billy and Donna*
So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's
comfort for you and the family.
Leonard and Denise Palmer



Denise Palmer - August 18, 2025 at 08:55 PM

CW

“ *Thank you Sheriff Blessing for your years of*
community service. Condolences to the entire
family, especially my friend and pediatric
colleague Stacie, sending hugs.



Cynthia Watson - August 18, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DN

“ *Debbie Nicholson lit a candle in memory of*
Raymond Edward Blessing



Debbie Nicholson - August 18, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RG

“ *Robyn Gannon lit a candle in memory of*
Raymond Edward Blessing



Robyn Gannon - August 18, 2025 at 05:36 PM