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Lloyd Richard Eckel, age 83, was born in Far Rockaway, Queens, NY, in 1940 to Irene and Harry Eckel Sr. He was a younger son of Harry Eckel Sr. and the proud father of Tim and Todd Eckel. His legacy lives on through his beloved grandchildren: Sean, Ryder, Sawyer, and the proud father of Tim and Todd Eckel.

Lloyd was a man of many passions. He loved the thrill of fast cars, the magic of the movies, and the excitement of travel and new adventures. His life experiences—from playing stickball on the streets of Broad Channel and excelling in school sports, where he was even named Athlete of the Year by moving to Miami and living on the beach, Lloyd embraced life with energy and enthusiasm. He later met his ex-wife, started a family in Illinois, and Florida, where he spent his final years.

Anyone who knew Lloyd well would agree that he could be described as thrifty, even frugal. He had a knack for saving, and there are plenty of funny stories about his budget-conscious ways. Family vacations were spent at the most modest motels (to put nicely), and like a Clark W. Griswold, he had a habit of driving to random places, like driving miles out of the way to see a "dinosaur footprint" in the middle of nowhere—one that was almost certainly fake. Lloyd loved life's comforts, or even pamper or splurge on himself (outside of his cars of course).

It wasn't until later in life that we began to realize how much of himself Lloyd gave to others without ever seeking recognition. As we sort through his life, we just how quietly generous he was. He made countless charitable donations in silence, never drawing attention to his kindness. He believed in giving.

There's a story that captures this perfectly. On that trip to see the fake dinosaur footprint, when we found ourselves sleeping in the car that night, Dad had left to the man who ran the "attraction." When I asked why, especially since we could have used it, he simply said, "He probably needs it more than we do." Lloyd was—he always thought of others.

If there's one message Lloyd would want to leave us with, it's this: Try new things. It's a simple idea, but one he lived by and hoped his grandchildren would follow. Visit new places—even if it's a three-hour round trip to see a dinosaur footprint. Explore new hobbies or sports. Just try. Life is obviously too short not to. You never know what you might discover, and the world is full of things you never imagined.

So, until we meet again, Dad—see you later, alligator...

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lloyd's memory to the following charities, which held a special place in his heart:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital:

https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-donatenow&frequency_selected=0

Shriners Children's Hospital:

https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/give/119312/#!/donation/checkout?c_src=ltr-home

Feed the Children:

<https://www.feedthechildren.org/ways-to-give/monthly-giving/?form=givemonthly>

Feeding America:

<https://give.feedingamerica.org/a/donate>

Disabled American Veterans (DAV):

[https://help.dav.org/page/66135/donate/1?](https://help.dav.org/page/66135/donate/1?ea_tracking.id=davweb_mainbutton&en_txn6=F24FN006AADVAA&utm_campaign=fund&utm_medium=mainweb&utm_source=dav&utm_con)

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