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Ed Austin led an interesting life. Born in Idaho, his family moved to California where he attended college. He was drafted into the Army Air Corp during World War II and served in India. Returning to the US, he joined the US Government as an FBI agent. One of his notable assignments was a protection detail to Orville Wright. He also served at the White House during the 60's where he met then Attorney General, Robert Kennedy. He built his retirement home on the beach in Hawaii when Hawaii was still a territory. After the death of his wife Mary, he moved to Medford, Oregon.

While on a South American cruise, he met Margaret Hinterberg and they married in 2006. They moved to Margaret's home in Florida, and later moved to Tucson to be close to Margaret's children. Having no children of his own, he quickly embraced Margaret's children and grandchildren, and they all loved him. In their new Tucson home Ed had a new inspiration. He was a gifted artist and he began painting the Catalina Mountains, a view that he enjoyed daily from his window.

Ed will be missed by his loving wife Margaret, and by Margaret's children and grandchildren. His nieces and nephew will also miss their uncle. This wonderful gentleman will be missed by the staff and residents at the Fairwinds.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aria Hospice for the kindness and caring that they showed to Ed. The staff at the Fairwinds were wonderful to Ed and Margaret as they assisted Hospice. The family appreciates all the care and work that they did to make Ed as comfortable as possible.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials.



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David Hinterberg posted:

I remember talking to Ed, about his times in the FBI he talked about meeting Orville wright and driving President Nixon around. I asked him who he thought was most influential, he stated that Nixon just got elected Orville Wright change the world.

September 22 at 2:04 PM



Martina Urquides posted:

My husband Ed and I will certainly miss our Uncle Ed. He had such a kind, generous, and loving nature and a real zest for life and adventure. As others have stated, he was a talented artist until the end. He gave us paintings, primarily of the San Francisco area and Southern Oregon where he lived for many years. I have lots of memories through the years starting with him telling my brother and me Yukon Ed stories, sailing the San Francisco Bay on his sailboat True Love, his toupees Wilbur and Orville; family fun at Grandma's in Portland, Oregon; snorkeling and spearfishing in the ocean at his home on the Kona Coast of Hawaii, visiting him in Medford, Oregon, and Tucson. The list goes on and on. He also did not hesitate putting in his order to me for See's dark chocolate, which he really loved. Every time I see his artwork, he will certainly be remembered. Thank you to Aunt Margo for making him so happy. Your meeting on that cruise was certainly a fortunate stroke of serendipity! Our love to you, Uncle Ed.

September 21 at 11:43 AM



Gretchen Foltz posted:

We adored Ed and have so many wonderful memories of our get togethers in Florida. We have paintings that he did, there's one in particular that he did of our home and boat we will always treasure. My favorite thing about Ed was that he made my sister so happy . RIP dear Ed

September 21 at 10:28 AM



Sara Sabbagh posted:

Ed "Spare-Pa" was a remarkable person full of love and life. I will always remember his crazy FBI stories and fun-loving personality. His memory will live on in his beautiful paintings that we have the honor to enjoy. We will miss you, Spare-Pa.

September 21 at 7:58 AM



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Jill Gershan posted:

My favorite memories of Ed are his love and devotion to Margaret and his gifted art talent. We have several of his magnificent watercolor paintings in our home and they will forever remind us of our dear Ed.

September 21 at 7:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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