



## Edward E. Wood Jr.

September 30, 1946 - May 28, 2025

Edward Ephraim Wood, Jr. was born on September 30, 1946, in Havre de Grace, Md, the firstborn child of Phyllis, and Ed Wood senior. Four siblings followed: Charlie, Nancy, Janet, and Debbie. When he was young, the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he was raised and eventually graduated from the University of New Mexico.

Ed had three children with his first wife, Sherry, and two more with Jody, his wife of forty years. He worked for the National Park Service for 45 years--thus, he had his children in far-flung places: Gerry was born when Ed was working at Everglades National Park, Florida; Richard came along while Ed was working at Padre Island, Texas; Sandie was born in Utah while Ed was working at Lehman Caves National Memorial on the eastern edge of Nevada; Andy arrived in Flagstaff, Arizona while Ed worked at Grand Canyon National Park; and Tobe made her appearance on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, while Ed worked for American Memorial.

After that, he and Jody decided instead of a child born at every new location, they'd start collecting pets instead, beginning with cats, guinea pigs, birds, and rabbits while he worked at War in the Pacific National Historic Park on the island of Guam.

He spent ten years in the far Western Pacific (Saipan and Guam), then moved to Arkansas Post National Memorial where he spent another 18, finally retiring in January 2017. Since he had not yet put down roots anywhere, he and Jody

decided they would move to Oregon for his retirement years and ended up in Harrisburg.

Ed enjoyed playing the piano, gardening, collecting coins and stamps, taking photographs, and coloring intricate artistic patterns. His last years, however, were dominated by doctor appointments and dialysis. On May 28, at 2:15 in the morning, he passed away at home.

He leaves behind his wife, Jody; his four siblings and their families; his five children and their spouses; six grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. And three cats.

He was 78.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jody, so sorry to hear about Ed. You all were on my mind last week. Pray strength for your body and mind as you go on. Donna Robertson*

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**Donna Robertson** - June 02, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Our condolences to Jody, Andy, and his daughter Tobe. I worked for Ed at Arkansas Post from 2015 until his retirement.*

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**Kary Goetz** - June 02, 2025 at 04:44 PM