



## Eric Edward Austin

November 24, 1985 - June 27, 2018

Eric Edward Austin

It is with extremely sad hearts that we bid our Eric goodbye and put him in God's hands. Eric passed unexpectedly on June 27 in Corvallis. He was a very kind, caring, and thoughtful person who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was born November 24, 1985, in McMinnville, Oregon. He attended elementary school in Sheridan and Salem, graduating from West Salem High School. He went on to graduate from Boise State University with degrees in writing and literature. At the time of his death he was living in Corvallis with his father's family. He was working as a writer for the Corvallis Advocate and was transcribing city council meetings.

His love of reading, writing, and music led him to be an avid collector of books and records. He enjoyed reading with George, his cat, by his side. Eric's sense of humor endeared him to all he met.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Caparella, Sheridan; his father, Bruce Austin (Mary), Corvallis; his brother, Mark Austin (Brittany), Boise; and his grandmothers Joan Rogers, Sheridan, and Dorothy Austin, Roseburg, in addition to aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and a stepbrother and

stepsister.

A service will be held on Saturday, July 7, at 1:00 at the Sheridan United Methodist Church in Sheridan, Oregon. There will also be a gathering of friends and the cyclist community in his dad's back yard in Corvallis on Sunday, July 8, at 1:00. The family requests that anyone who would like to make a donation in Eric's honor go to [NAMI.org](http://NAMI.org), which is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, since Eric believed strongly in the need for more mental health services for those in need.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Sheridan United Methodist Church  
234 N Bridge St  
Sheridan, OR 97378

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Edward Austin*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - July 08, 2018 at 09:27 AM

LM

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to you Bruce and your family for your great loss. There are no words. My heartfelt sympathy, Lisa Mallett*

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**Lisa Mallett** - July 08, 2018 at 06:26 PM

SU

“ *I didn't know Eric, but I know sue, his aunt. Here in Tucson there are many ghost bicycles. I'm so very sorry for your loss, and thank you for encouraging memorials to NAMI, very close to my heart. May God comfort you with friends and family and the hope and peace in Jesus.*

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**susie** - July 04, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CM

“ Dear Bruce, I,m so sorry to hear about your son, Eric. I can't imagine the pain you are going through, your grief will take along time to heal. Others are concerned about you and will be thinking of you during this difficult time. So please don't feel alone. You will be in my prayers so that each day you may find courage and strength to know that his life was well-lived. My Deepest Sympathy Connie Moritz

Connie Moritz - July 04, 2018 at 03:41 PM

JO

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your sudden loss. May Jehovah, the “God of all comfort” give you strength and heal your broken hearts during this time (2Cor 1:3,4; Ps 147:3). He has also promised that you can see Eric again soon at John 5:25, 28, 29.

Sincerely,  
Eric J



Jonesy - July 03, 2018 at 09:20 PM

BA

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Bruce Austin - July 01, 2018 at 11:12 PM

LR

“ My deepest condolences to all of Eric's loved ones, family and friends.

*I placed a bouquet of three sunflowers with wildflowers by the very touching white bicycle memorial yesterday. I did not know what else to do. I did not know Eric but I wish I had. I am thinking of Eric and all his loved ones during this devastating time. I just wanted to let you know even though I am a stranger I care very much. I knew immediately from his picture he must have been a very special person, life and creativity just spring from his photo. I wish I had done more about the horrible way the crosswalks on 99 don't show if the lights are on to the person crossing, too. They are the most dangerous crosswalks I have ever seen but I never did anything about it. I am so sorry. I am very very sad with you, grieving alongside you for you and for all of us who have lost out on knowing Eric because of this tragedy. Sending love, Linda Marie Richards*

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**Linda Marie Richards** - July 01, 2018 at 01:19 AM

DA

“ I worked with Eric at the BSU bookstore. And as such there was a lot of revelry with coworkers after hours. I don't recall how frequently we all got together but I do remember a specific conversation about science we had between us one evening. "I like the idea of science" are the exact words that I remember. He went on to explain how he loved the results and what and how science explains what it does but he couldn't see himself pouring over the minutiae of data collection and the day to day realities of science. As a science major I knew exactly what he meant. He was a cool cat and was able to get along with a diverse crowd. My condolences, and may he and his family be at peace.

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**Drew Asbury** - June 30, 2018 at 06:06 PM

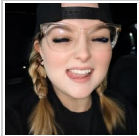
MR

“ *Mikki Ross lit a candle in memory of Eric Edward Austin*



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**Mikki Ross** - June 30, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ *Eric was my boyfriends best friend since 6th grade I got to know him real well over the last 6 months and I have to say this is the hardest goodbye we've ever had to comprehend you were and always will be Uncle Eric to kaiden thank you being a positive amazing person so giving and understanding I'll never forget you*

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**Hillary Allbritton** - June 30, 2018 at 01:16 AM

LG

“ *Eric, I'm going to miss your Conversations that never end, that contagious laugh, and the joy that you bring into a room. And knowing how your Mom is doing and your cat and his crazy adventures, I'm sorry we did get to see each other when to come back to Salem. RIP love you friend.*



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**Lacey Garcia** - June 30, 2018 at 12:11 AM