



Edgar Clifton Garth Jr.

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Born in Montgomery, AL, Ed served in the US Air Force from the age of 17, to help support his mother and siblings financially. He was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the Korean War until he was honorably discharged. After serving his country, he spent 3 1/2 years studying Electrical Engineering; most notably, at Auburn University, before taking a job with Southern Bell (AT&T) in Atlanta, GA. There, he earned a First-Class Radiotelephone Operator License. Ed served as an Engineering Supervisor, and eventually started a family.

Ed was never one to sit idle or remain indoors. He loved physical activities and seeing new places. As a young father, when he wasn't travelling the Eastern seaboard; laying telephone cables, he took his young family on day trips. They would climb Stone Mountain and Brasstown Bald or play in the river at Indian Springs.

After moving to Florida, Ed coached his sons' basketball team and spent many nights and weekends on the ballfields and beaches playing/practicing baseball and football with each of them. After retirement, he enjoyed taking long walks on the beach and long bike rides at the local parks well into his 80's. He also enjoyed travelling with his sons across the country to visit the national parks.

Ed loved being with his family. Family was extremely important to him, and he actively involved himself with his children's and grandchildren's formal education, desiring them to become the best that they could be. He always found great joy in making himself useful to family and friend alike, whether providing fatherly advice, fixing electrical/mechanical appliances, or simply sharing in someone else's joys and sorrows.

Above all, Ed strove to love God with all his heart and emulate the life of his Lord and Savior. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Ed was preceded in death by his younger brother, Lewellyn Garth of Montgomery AL. He is survived by his older sister, Edna Bird of Montgomery, AL.; his younger



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sister, Bobbie Robbins of Montgomery, AL; 4 sons; in order of birth, Michael Garth, Christopher Garth, Brian Garth, and Scott Garth.

Memorial Services will be held on February 16, 2024, 2:30pm, at Florida National Cemetery with well-deserved honors from MacDill Air Force honor guard.

NOTE: Please do not order flowers for Mr. Garth's service. The cemetery restricts floral arrangements for urn interments to one only. The family appreciates your kind thoughts and support.




Events


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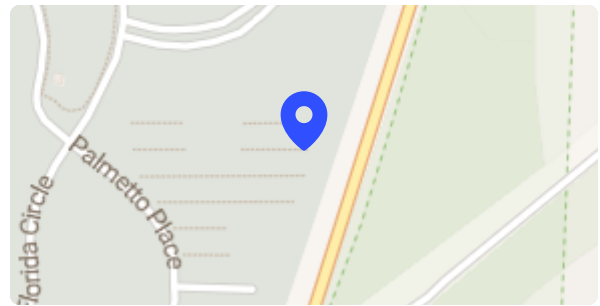
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Celebration of Life


 **Friday**, February 16, 2024

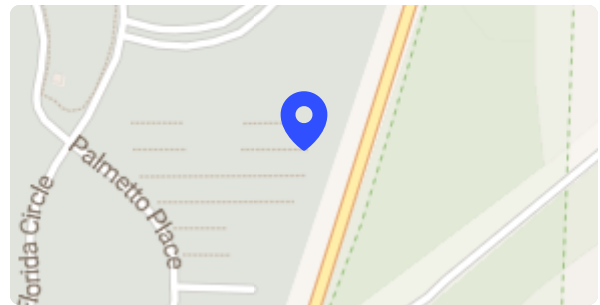
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KZ

Karen Zondervan posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Garth's passing. Made me so sad but brought a flood of memories. I moved to Florida in high school and we all became fast friends. The family always drove me to Church of Christ on Sundays and Wednesdays. Pointed me to Jesus. We'd do lunch or dinner afterwards while Mr. Garth listened to football games cheering for touchdowns while also listening to whatever his boys and friends were discussing at the table. We all had many LONG walks down Clearwater beach enjoying nature & talking about the good and hard of life. Changed my life and the trajectory of everything that followed. Gave me a reverence for our Creator that I didn't truly have or understand before. Taught me what family looked like. Your family became my safe refuge during some tough times with your unique kindness with God as the core. From fishing to concerts to exploring cool new towns, finding horseshoe crabs at Caldesi island to learning to repair our cars. Mr. Garth always smiled and cheered us on even if our cars were in pieces in the yard! Thanks to each of you for your friendship and pointing me back to God! Thankful for your family's hospitality and inclusion and example of faith in action over the years. So GRATEFUL for knowing your family and being included in a ton of things growing up. Kept me out of trouble. Don't know where I would've been without that influence and kindness. So many sweet and fun memories growing up with the Garth family with Mr. Garth at the helm. In his small, small house filled with Big joy and love! KNOW heaven cheered as he walked right on in with a "Well done!" Love to ALL of you as you grieve this side of heaven. Sorry I wasn't able to fly down for the memorial. There in Spirit for sure until we can meet again. He was always so proud of his boys! Men of integrity! Sending love to all of you, To the beautiful women that married in to the family and the children that followed. Such a full and beautiful legacy left. So sorry for losing such a good man. Heaven cheered when he came home even though tears fell on earth.

February 17 at 4:26 AM

AP

Ashley Perezvelasco shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Words can't describe how melancholy I feel towards the loss of my Grandfather. He was a good man who always tried to do right by his sons and their families. I will be forever grateful for the positive impact he made in my life. His strong Christian faith defined the essence of who he was. He was always so humble and loved his family dearly. Grandpa, you will truly be missed.



January 30 at 4:04 PM



Media

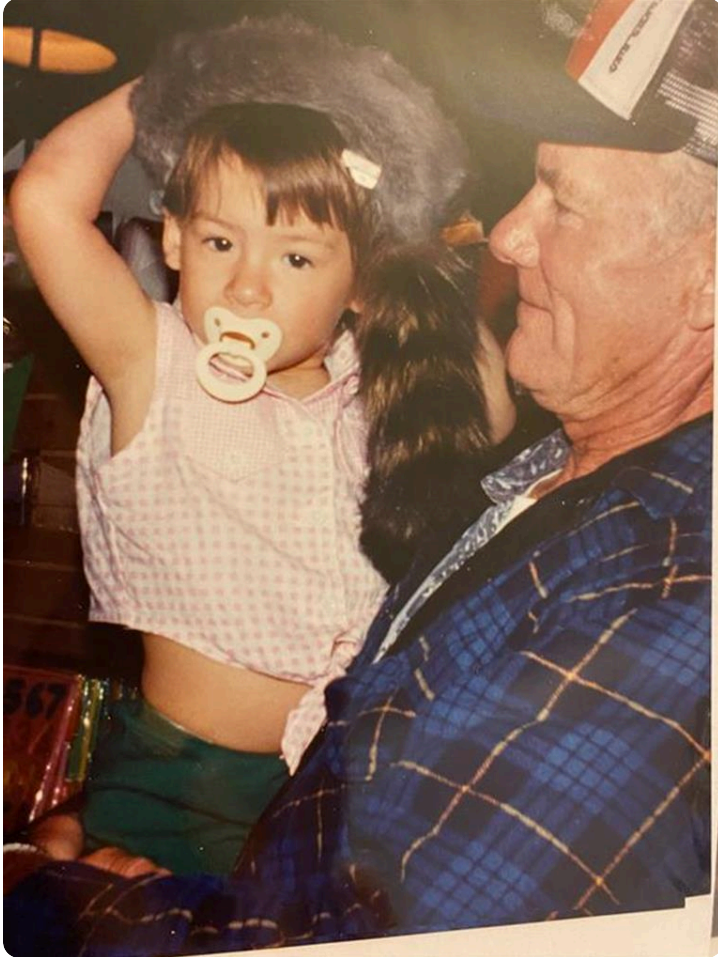
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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