



Edward William Bergtholdt

August 14, 1934 - September 11, 2023

On September 11, 2023, Edward William Bergtholdt, died at age 89, surrounded by his three children, son in law, and sister in law. He was born August 14, 1934 in Auburn, California to peach and almond farmers Chris and Carol Bergtholdt.

He graduated from UC Davis in 1956 with a degree in Pomology but chose a future in law after service as a Coast Guard Lieutenant Officer on the USCGC Taney from 1957-1962. He graduated from UC Berkeley law school in 1963 and then married his beloved wife of fifty one years, Joyce Whiddon.

Together they welcomed not just their three biological children into their home but numerous foreign exchange students and other friends' children. This ensured he would have all kinds of grandchildren spread across the globe. He dedicated his life to public service first as a California Deputy Attorney General in Sacramento, California and then as a Federal Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Spokane, Washington.

He moved back to California to retire, settling in Springville and then Visalia. There he continued his community service with the Springville Mountain Lions, Visalia Pride Lions, League of Women Voters and the Tulare County Grand Jury. He shared his retirement with many retired horses from Happy Trails Therapeutic Riding Academy. He is survived by his children, Mark,

Hazel, and Klara Bergtholdt; his extended biological family, and the families of all the exchange students and close friends in California, Washington, Europe, Mexico, Asia, and South America.

He had many nicknames but his favorites were Grandpa Ed, Dad, and Uncle Ed. A celebration of his life will take place at Quail Park 4520 Cypress Ave, in Visalia on Saturday September 30th at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Planned Parenthood or Happy Trails Therapeutic Riding Academy.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Celebration

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM.

Quail Park

Tribute Wall

LT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



LLOYD TUNIK - August 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM

EU

“ 2 files added to the album Ed and the Wongs



Eugene - September 30, 2023 at 02:38 AM

BE

“ What a wonderful time it was when Ed and Joyce moved to our neighborhood. They were a wonderful couple and we enjoyed many good times with both of them. They will be greatly missed for all the wonderful things they contributed to the community of Springville.
Becki and Jay Eaton

Becki Eaton - September 24, 2023 at 12:43 PM

KB

My parents enjoyed living in Springville. They enjoyed having you as neighbors thank you.

Klara Bergtholdt - September 24, 2023 at 05:22 PM

EV

“ Ed & Joyce were team to behold. When Joyce died Ed really missed her. Ed was so quiet and helpful in so many. His vast knowledge made him conversations delightful. I knew him through UU. I missed him so much when he moved to Visalia but I understood why. Our little group will miss him greatly, I know he is now with Joyce and his love for her will never be forgotten.

Edie La Vonne - September 22, 2023 at 02:06 PM

KB

My parents enjoyed Sundays at the UU. My dad and mom did really love each other. They were such an inspiration. Thank you.

Klara Bergtholdt - September 24, 2023 at 05:24 PM

LT

Fond memories of Cal boys working together 30 years in Spokane.

LLOYD TUNIK - August 05, 2024 at 01:01 PM