



MAURICE EDWARD "ED" WAITS

November 3, 1932 - April 25, 2026

Maurice Edward "Ed" Waits, age 93, passed away at home on April 25, 2026. Ed attended West End High School and UAB. He subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the battleship USS New Jersey during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1955, then joined the United States Naval Reserve.

Ed was a member of Hueytown Baptist Church where he was ultimately ordained as a Deacon.

In 1958, Ed pioneered the Inhalation Therapy Department for West End Baptist Hospital, now known as Respiratory Care at Baptist Health System-Princeton. As a lone therapist, for three and 1/2 years, he was transported to Highland Avenue Baptist by laundry truck to provide respiratory care there. The "Ed Waits Respiratory Care Conference" was established in his honor and held each year. A commendation was entered into the congressional record on June 17, 2017, by Rep. Robert Aderholt acknowledging his outstanding service to his community, his state, and our country. An Alabama Interim Resolution was entered on June 17, 2017, for his exceptional abilities and dedication to his profession. He was endowed with a Doctor of Humane Letters on May 20, 2018. He had the distinction of being the first President of the Alabama Society of Inhalation Therapy Technicians.

Ed was an avid outdoor enthusiast enjoying his deer hunting, fishing, and golfing with his many friends.

Ed was born November 3, 1932, to Marvin Lovejoy Waits, Sr. and Frances Middleton Waits, in Birmingham where he made his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and four sisters.

Ed is survived by his wife, Flora Ingram-Waits; three nieces, Kellye Loggins (Steve), Gwen Aaron (Tommy), Carol Reynolds (Stanley); four nephews, Greg Bailey (Debbie), Stanley Waits (Gayle), Carl Meadows, Jr. and David Conwell (Debbie).

The visitation will be Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 10:30 AM at the funeral home, with Rev. Joel Frederick officiating. Burial will follow at Alabama National Cemetery at 12:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fourmile Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1244 Columbiana Al 35051, ATTN: Ken Wilder.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mr. Ed, thank you for letting me care for you. I truly enjoyed our time together, and I'll never forget you. I pray you are now at peace with no more worries or pain. Rest easy, and know you were loved and appreciated. ❤️*



MaryPyant - May 18 at 05:28 PM

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“*I met the Waits years ago while caring for their furry family, whom they love dearly. Over the years we have seen sorrows and joys and become family. They're some of the very best people you could know. Mr Ed left a legacy that is truly inspiring. Sending so much love and prayers to my Waits family.*
Amanda Fraley

Amanda Fraley - April 30 at 09:08 AM

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“*I had the privilege to meet “Ed” when I was a bus driver for Pleasant Grove. I was also attending college for Respiratory Therapy and needed someone to sub my bus for me to attend my classes and clinical all the while working at Children’s on the weekend. Our paths crossed as fate with him being a Pioneer in Respiratory Therapy and me being a student!!*
He was a true God send. I would not have graduated without his encouragement and help!
He will truly be missed!

Sandra Humphries - April 29 at 04:56 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear about Mr. Ed. He was such a sweet and good man. Always so kind every time that I had the opportunity to see him. Heaven sure is full of some of the best. Prayers for his Ms. Flo in the days ahead.

Kelli Skinner - April 29 at 11:10 AM

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“ Ann&John Redmon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MAURICE EDWARD "ED" WAITS.

Ann&John Redmon - April 28 at 02:54 PM

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“ Ann&John Redmon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of MAURICE EDWARD "ED" WAITS.



Ann&John Redmon - April 28 at 02:54 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. Our entire family loved him & are so lucky to call him our friend. As Ed would say, "I hear that!" We love you Flo. Our sincerest condolences. ❤️ 🙏
Mary Lynn Garrett



Mary Lynn Garrett - April 28 at 10:54 AM

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Thank you Mary Lynn. Ed loved every one of you also.

Flora Ingram-Waits - May 13 at 12:10 PM

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“*Sad to hear about Ed’s passing. He was a familiar face at our high school luncheons where we became friends through his wife, Flo. Ed lived a life that all could be proud and his memory will be around a long time!*”

Gerald Hicks - April 27 at 07:57 PM

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Thank you!

Flora Ingram-Waits - May 13 at 12:08 PM