



## David Kenneth Teter

November 17, 1931 - August 16, 2016

David Kenneth Teter died August 16, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas after a long battle with Alzheimer's Dementia and heart disease. He was 84. Born to Marshall and Ethel Teter in Akron, Ohio on November 17, 1931, he spent most of his formative years in Akron, graduating near the top of his class from Stow High School in 1949. As a teenager, he worked at his father's garage and towing service where he developed a life-long love of cars. He began his college studies in Business Administration at Kent State University but after a year, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1951 to earn the assistance of the GI Bill to complete his education. After special training in Groton, Connecticut as an Electronics Technician, he was stationed at Loran Transmitting Station in Moclips, Washington State where he earned the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Award. After his honorable discharge in 1954, he returned to Kent State to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1957. Later that year, David relocated to California seeking better job prospects and began his career with United Airlines; first in San Diego and then in San Francisco. In the fall of 1961, he took a new position as an Analyst in the Fleet Schedule Planning department at their new Executive Offices located in the suburbs of Chicago. There, he met and married Helen Newton on March 9, 1963 and together they had two daughters, Catherine and Caroline. He continued with United's Fleet Schedule Planning department the remainder of his 32 year career, seeing it through the incredible evolutions of the computer age, the dawn of commercial jets, the huge expansion of United's routes, and

the increase and development of leisure air travel industry. He retired in January 1990 and relocated to his beloved Pacific Northwest, Medford, Oregon in 1992. During his 23 years there, he enjoyed an active life of cycling, walking his neighborhood, leisure hiking in the mountains, regular visits to the library, auditing psychology courses at nearby Southern Oregon University, leadership in local AA and Al-Anon chapters, and driving his sporty car around the area. Declining health forced him reluctantly to move to San Antonio in August 2015.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Ethel Teter, uncle James R. Frye, sister Bette Moss, and brother Robert Teter. He is survived by his wife, Helen Teter of Illinois, his daughter Catherine Zapata and son-in-law Michael Zapata of Texas, his daughter Caroline of Illinois, a nephew Gerald Moss and his wife Janet of California, nephew Robert Teter, Jr. of New Jersey, and niece Debra Murders and her husband Gerald of Texas.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7pm at City Church – 9431 Bandera Road in San Antonio, TX 78250. A scattering of ashes will be held at a later date at one of his favorite places, Crater Lake in Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Catherine and Michael Zapata will be participating in the San Antonio Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 17, 2016. Their team link is: <http://act.alz.org/goto/papateter>