



## Gordon "Pete" Edens

January 9, 1932 - March 22, 2023

Gordon G. Edens stepped from this life into eternity on March 22, 2023. Known to the many who loved him as just "Pete," he has now completed the journey of life and rests at peace with his God. Pete was born on January 9, 1932 in Pelzer, SC, where he grew up. Pete was the son of the late Robert Felcie Edens and Lillie Carnes Edens. Pete was preceded in death by brothers Truman Edens (wife Muanita), Bob Edens (wife Ellie), Roy Edens (wife Betty), and sister Margie Edens Conley.

Pete is survived by the love of his life and wife of 63 years, Mattie Peace Edens. They married in 1959 and Mattie followed him all over the world as he served his country in the US Air Force. Pete's devotion to his country carried him through a distinguished service career 1950-1972 retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant as a Dental Lab Technician. Pete was awarded Athlete of the Year in 1963-64 while serving at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. He was then recognized for his bowling skill by making the Mediterranean Travel Team in 1967 representing the Iraklion Air Force Base in Greece. After retiring from the Air Force, Pete worked in Greenville, SC at the Peace Dental Lab until his second retirement in 1998.

Additionally, Pete is survived by his devoted daughter, Sabrina Edens Howard and husband Barry along with his best friend, grandson Sam all of Matthews, NC. Beloved nephew, Wayne Edens and wife Diane with three additional

nephews and one niece who also hold a special place in the Edens' home.

All his life, Pete was an avid outdoorsman spending countless hours fishing with family and friends. Another favored pastime that he particularly enjoyed with Mattie was bowling. Friends always looked forward to his contagious laughter and enthusiasm for life. Pete's friendship was the deep, loyal friendship that enriches lives and encourages others. Never complaining, he touched lives and invested in people leaving a legacy of kindness and compassion.

Pete's faith also left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Pete was a member of First Baptist Church of Pelzer and a committed attendee at First Baptist Church of Simpsonville.

A service to celebrate the life of Gordon "Pete" Edens will be held Monday, March 27 at 12:00 pm at The Wood Mortuary in Greer, SC, with visitation preceding the service 10:30-11:45 am. Interment will follow at Graceland East Memorial Park with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park

2206 Woodruff Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Gordon "Pete" Edens*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - March 27, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon "Pete" Edens*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - March 26, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



**The Wood Mortuary** - March 26, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ Johnny Peace and Sally Peace purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gordon "Pete" Edens.



**Johnny Peace and Sally Peace** - March 26, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ Brandi Medford lit a candle in memory of Gordon Edens



**Brandi Medford** - March 25, 2023 at 09:20 PM

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“ Angie AshmoreKruse lit a candle in memory of Gordon Edens



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**Angie AshmoreKruse** - March 25, 2023 at 10:48 AM

JV

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pete at The Pearl At Five Forks, and his sweet wife, Mattie. Mr. Pete could make you laugh and was always ready for meals!!! You could tell how much his wife meant to him, and she was always there to help him and bring him snacks. Sabrina and family are loving and caring. The whole family is. Mr. Pete served our country and we are so grateful for it. He will be missed.

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**Judy Manning Vaughn** - March 24, 2023 at 06:15 PM

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“ Uncle Pete was loving and a honorable man. My favorite memory of him as a child was going with him to watch him bowl on bowling for dollars, family dinners, and going to the lab to watch him make dentures. He was a loving, kind, and amazing man.

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**Melissa Conley Atkins** - March 23, 2023 at 07:36 PM