



Edmund A Fain

December 10, 2020

Edmund A. Fain, age 92, died peacefully on December 10, 2020. He was born in Providence, RI and grew up in Hartford, CT and retired with his wife to Florida in 1989 where they traveled the world for many years. Ed was a Medic during the Korean War before meeting and marrying Evalee, his loving wife of 64 years, who predeceased him. A highly educated man with a Bachelor's Degree and 2 Master's Degrees, he taught middle school and religious school and was also an award winning artist known along the east coast. He is survived by his daughters Karen, Lorrie (Gregg) and Donna (Michael); grandchildren Russell (Winnie) and Erica and 2 great granddaughters. He is also survived by brother-in-law Bob Aaron (Sue) and sister-in-law Carol Hearne (Herb). There will be a private service this week.

Tribute Wall

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“*EDMUND A. FAIN, youngest son of Belle and Samuel Fain of Providence and later Hartford, CT., my uncle, had many strong and unique talents. With patience, he taught young students in Hartford in public school for many years. With perseverance and leadership skills, he helped the early leadership of Hartford Fed of Teachers, despite active opposition to that new union's positions to strengthen teaching recruitment.*

In this Christmas & Channukah season I remember well the artistry with which Ed created a Santa Claus oil painting of about 12/12 inches, for our family's Trumbull Card Shop front window. Each season Ed and his brother the late Art Fain, spent evenings after work delivering beautiful, custom-ordered Christmas and Holiday cards from our Shop to doctors, dentists, and lawyers, all over downtown. As you may recall, in those days of the 1960's, professionals did not have display ads in the Yellow Pages; so our Shop's custom-ordered cards, with the professional's name in Silver or Gold Ink, was an annual, beautiful advertisement and Greeting Card. Nearly all the cards then were printed by CT companies such as Norcross, Rust Craft, etc. Remember them?

Ed enjoyed reading history, English and other nonfiction and fiction. With his wife of decades, Evalee (Lee), also a dedicated teacher (in Newington Public Schools) they toiled when business folks had higher salaries. They enjoyed well-deserved pension benefits. They shopped in a Newington discount store which catered to govt employees (remember that, on the Berlin Turnpike). Each summer, while Evalee supervised the three daughters and taught family members to swim at the public Lake in New Britain, Ed worked weekly in summer furniture sales, camp bus driving, etc. to supplement the low teacher salaries of the 1960's. Fortunately, he enjoyed a teacher's pension which the City, State and teachers all contributed to, every week, with salary deductions. Little did he expect to live to over age 90, when he graduated Weaver High School of Hartford and went on to UCONN, on a very tight budget, long ago. To teach, Ed had to take my grandmother's older, four-

door sedan (a VERY ordinary-looking car) to get to / from the Hartford school in the South End.

Many of your readers will remember how WW II and Korean-era vets had to compete for scholarships, UCONN seats, Master's degree seats, and small, starter houses in their era. In our Fain Elovitz & Silverstein families, we are so proud of our Veteran Uncles who served, including Ed and his older brother Joel; and brother-in-laws Irv, Nate and Mike.

Lastly, long before gym amenities included air conditioning or heated pools, Ed was a devoted exercise member of the New Britain YMCA. New Britain alums will remember the downtown Newr Britain Y. and downtown Hartford Y, where many of us exercised decades ago.

May be memories of Ed and Lee be a blessing to all who knew them. Gordon Fain

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Gordon - December 14, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Richard & Karen Hawes lit a candle in memory of Edmund A Fain*



Richard & Karen Hawes - December 14, 2020 at 01:37 PM