



## Edward Martin Kohnman

September 6, 1946 - July 19, 2024

Edward "Eddie" Martin Kohnman, age 77, of Whittier, CA went to dance with abandon on the streets of heaven on July 19, 2024. He was born September 6, 1946 in Glendale, CA to Carl Kohnman and Laura Millette Kohnman of Pacoima, CA.

He was a man who loved deeply and those lucky enough to experience this love included his daughter, Lisa Vaughan, George Vaughan, grandchildren Gregory and Laura Vaughan, Jo Ann Kohnman, and his extended family. His family fiercely advocated for the best possible care of Eddie as he slipped into dementia and later succumb to his illness. His best friend, Joey Oddone, was a kind a gentle reminder of a lifetime of steadfast friendship to Eddie.

After Eddie graduated from John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in 1965, he honorably served in the US Air Force and later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983 at California State University Fullerton.

Ed was a hard working man who made a difference in his community. He worked for the Southern California Gas Company during the 1971 Sylmar earthquake and was part of the recovery process of his community. Ed then joined the US Army Corps of Engineers as a Heavy Equipment Operator and later became a supervisor of dam operations for the Los Angeles district. He retired after 35 years of service.

Eddie was passionate about the "need for speed" from a young age and drag raced the streets of San Fernando, CA. He followed the NHRA drag racing circuit and attended races across the country. His passion for classic cars included owning a 1941 Willy's, 1954 Henry J, and 1965 Ford Country Town and Squire.

Ed got his "Satisfaction" listening to rock n'roll and the Rolling Stones. He loved camping and travelling North America. In 1985 he drove more than 10,000 miles in 30 days touring Canada and the United States with this family! Ed was an avid fisherman and set up deep sea charters for his friends and co-workers. He enjoyed his boat at the local lakes in Southern California. Eddie's funeral will be held on July 27, 2024 at Brea Memory Garden, 455 W Central Ave, Brea, CA 92821. Viewing from 11:30-noon, service from noon-1:00 pm. Luncheon to follow. At a later date, burial to follow at Riverside National Cemetery.

Eddie prioritized finding joy in life and sharing it with others, the family asks that you do the same – go out and do something that brings you real joy and share it with those around you. If you feel so moved, reach out and tell us about it - or another joyful time shared with Ed!

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Blvd.  
Riverside, CA 92518

# Previous Events

## Chapel

JUL 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary  
455 W. Central Ave.  
Brea, CA 92821  
(714) 529-3961  
info@memorygarden.com  
<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

*Graveside to be at Riverside National, though date and time for this portion is currently pending and is to be determined at a later point.*

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Cartagena Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Edward Martin Kohnman.*



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**The Cartagena Family** - July 26, 2024 at 01:04 AM

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“ *The Cartagena Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Martin Kohnman.*

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“ *For the last 20 years my husband and I have seen him at many car shows we set with him and had good times he loved his car shows just as much as he loved his Henry J and racing we all knew he was going downhill and was sorry to know hopefully to rest in peace now and God will be with his family*

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**Terri Danny Hardison** - July 25, 2024 at 09:42 PM