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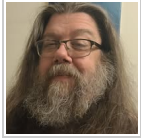
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With great sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved partner, father, and stepfather, Sydney R Edwards (Sidney R Edwards), who left us on January 22, 2025. He was born May 21, 1963, in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He was the only child of Sidney B Edwards and Joann (Barker) Edwards, both deceased. He graduated from Kyger Creek High School and received a Bachelor's degree from Marshall University. He spent several years pursuing his passions as a musician, historian, writer, artist/illustrator, researcher, lifelong learner, reader, and collector of World War Two memorabilia. He chronicled the history of the 79th Fighter Squadron with the release of the limited-edition CD-Rom *The Fightin' 79th in WWII* in 2004, and his current work in process "Native Sons,(21 Lives Left Unfinished), which recounts the names and lives of the 21 men that perished in the Charleston West Virginia National Guard crash in April of 1951. He is survived by his partner of 32 years Nancy Hupp Barker, his children (Caitlin) Joee Edwards, her partner John Reeves, and their children, Jessica (Barker) Judge, her spouse Thomas Judge and child, and Tracey (Barker) Adkins and her spouse, Keith Adkins and many friends who will miss him dearly. There will be no service at this time, However, a memorial page will be designed soon. Syd will

be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace.

Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at Ferrell-ChambersFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Syd as a writer and artist. We met in Point Pleasant, WV back in 95 when my band, Midian, was playing a 2 nite gig there. The rest of the band had met this guy the first night who said he knew the guy who'd done the art for one of Type O Negative's Tshirts. I was skeptical and challenged him to produce said artist. The next night, I met Syd, who showed up to vindicate his friend. Syd ended up writing an article in Rock Out Censorship magazine that included a short review of our show and our demo. Thereafter we called him the Godfather of Midian. I remember him as a man who was passionate about what he believed and as a friend. I got see some of his art in messages in progress over the years and Im glad we always kept in touch. The news hit hard when I heard. He will be missed.

Tony Breeden - January 26, 2025 at 10:24 AM

“ So saddened too here of syds passing, I remember as kids playing in our grandparents back yard. He was good at throwing rotten apples at me. He was a little rotten himself (ha ha). But good memories syd. Rest in heaven buddy. Love always.

Deb Costello - January 25, 2025 at 01:52 PM

“ Syd was one of my favorite students, He was not just an excellent artist. He painted it he drew it and he lived it. We had many discussions on what art was and what it meant to us. I'll miss you Syd.

Jan Haddox - January 24, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JH

“ I can remember staying weekends at their house, and I remember when his dad came home from retiring from the Marine Corps, super nice folks.

John Harrison - January 24, 2025 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ Syd and I went to high school together. So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family during this time.

Scott Burnett - January 24, 2025 at 05:58 PM

RM

“ Syd was a pleasure to know in the last 15 years online. His knowledge in memorabilia was a welcome treat. His artwork second to none and his love for furry paws will be missed. Gonna miss your presence fella.....

Robert Meister - January 24, 2025 at 05:44 PM

BC

“ I always enjoy being around him as a kid at family events he was a very talented man and he will be missed God speed

Branson Collins - January 24, 2025 at 05:42 PM