

Closed Album - Ed Hartley Remembered (1924-2019)

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Ed Hartley has been collecting for nearly sixty years off and on. He is currently collecting stamps from the British Commonwealth and Germany.

Ed and his family left Germany in 1938 (when he was 14 years old) out of their need for personal safety with the impending war looming in the near future. As they were moving in a rapid fashion, Ed's father's friends had agreed to hold onto his stamp collection until they were settled in their new home or were fortunate to return to their homeland.

They relocated to Shanghai, China at this time and stayed there for 9 years. The last two years they were interned by the Japanese with Germany's support.

After World War II the family attempted to find their friends who had remained in Germany and they found out that they had perished. The stamp collection Ed had started as a young man was gone along with the family friends.

In 1947 he came with his family to the United States and Ed began collecting stamps again. In the 1960's he opened up a restaurant and sold his stamp collection for business capital.

During the next twenty years, Ed spent most of his time on his business and then in the mid 1980's he started collecting stamps again.

Ed joined the Nevada Stamp Study Society in the early 1990s. Ed has fond memories of being the Exhibit Chair for the American Topical Association National Show hosted by Reno and our club members. He remembers receiving exhibits from all over the country and how full this house became with the items for the show.

Ed Hartley celebrated his 90th Birthday at a club meeting on March 22, 2014. It was a true pleasure to interview him and he has a wealth of knowledge in philately as well as WWII history. One of Ed's current hobbies include playing bridge, and, is considered a Master Bridge Player.

Barbara Stanfield remembers ED as being a math whiz. Stan Cronwall was grateful that Ed translated, from German, many items used in his Third Reich German Exhibits.

In 2014 Ed moved to Washington state with his wife to be near family. After Charlotte passed away Ed moved to the Sacramento area, again to be close to family. Ed passed away on January 16, 2019.



Ed and his wife Charlotte at the club's 2008 Christmas



Ed celebrating his 90th birthday at a club meeting on March 22, 2014.