



## Erich William Lorenz

November 30, 1942 - January 2, 2025

Erich William Lorenz of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, passed away from this earthly life at the age of 82 at Brookdale Goodlettsville – Alzheimer’s & Memory Care in Goodlettsville, Tennessee on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Erich was born November 30, 1942, to Carl August Henry Lorenz and Mary Johanna Holtzmann Lorenz in Wise, North Carolina. After graduating in 1961 from Norlina High School in Norlina, North Carolina, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was a C-130 loadmaster, stationed at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna Tennessee. In 1963, he met his beloved Joyce in Nashville, Tennessee. They were married on November 21, 1964. He attended night school for two years at the University of Tennessee at Nashville. He then began his career working for US Airways in various customer service roles for over 38 years. After his retirement from US Airways, he worked as a bus driver for the Robertson County Board of Education for 10 years.

Erich was a Christian and member of Memorial Boulevard church of Christ in Springfield, Tennessee. Erich loved Jesus Christ. He strove to love Him with all his heart, soul and mind, and often invited those he met to church services and to study the Bible. Simply put, his goal was to go to Heaven and to help as many as he could to become fellow followers of Jesus Christ. Erich loved his family and people. He was known by many as “Big Erich”. He loved hosting an annual Fall “bonfire, wiener roast, volleyball and hayride” event on

the family farm. He rarely had a lazy day and enjoyed cutting firewood, bushhogging, cleaning out fence rows, buying/selling/trading anything with wheels, boating, running, skydiving, observing nature and wildlife or just soaking up the sun. Erich also had a life-long passion for aviation and earned his private pilot's license in his mid-40s.

Erich was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife and caregiver, Mary Joyce Kenning Lorenz of Cedar Hill, Tennessee; son, Erich William (Ursula) Lorenz II of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; daughter, Jennifer Leanne Lorenz (Ryan) Hasty of Auburn, Alabama; three grandchildren, Nathan Lorenz (Bianca) of Portland, Tennessee, Lexi Lorenz and Emily Lorenz both of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; his beloved little sister, Patricia Ann Lorenz of Graham and Wise, North Carolina; his rescue Siamese cat, "Hershey" and many other extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org/](http://www.alz.org/)) or to the Robertson County Humane Society ([www.robertsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.robertsoncountyttn.gov)).

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home (509 Walnut Street, Springfield, Tennessee 37172) with Brother Tol Burk officiating. Military graveside services will follow in the Bellwood Cemetery in Adams, Tennessee.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 11:00 am until the time of service at the funeral home.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Bellwood Cemetery

Adams, TN 37010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Todd Dix and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Erich William Lorenz.*

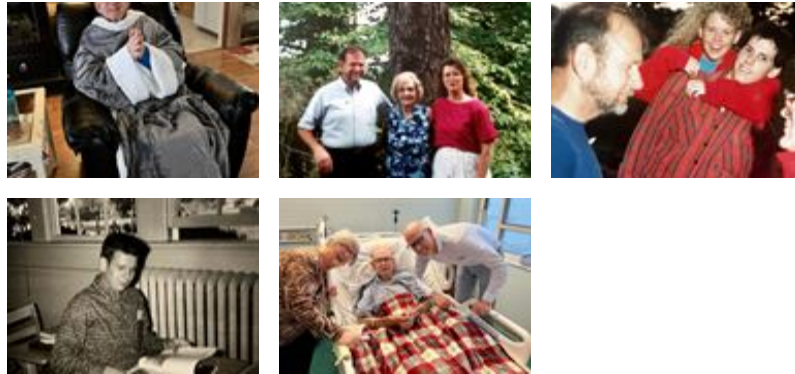


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**Todd Dix and Family** - January 07, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *187 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - January 06, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Erich William Lorenz.*



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January 06, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erich William Lorenz.

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“ Mr. Erich was an interesting character in Cedar Hill. He visited my in-laws and wife often when I was in my late teens dating my wife and he still worked at the airport. One day we got to visit him there while he was working a desk/counter at US Air. He always had a smile and was happy. He always brought some treat as a bribe to make the welding job he wanted done more appealing (often it was a frostie on the verge of melting or whatever burgers or Arby's had that were 2 for 1 or 5 for 5). Getting a welder to do a job is itself a task and Eric managed to get his stuff fixed with his treats! He was a very friendly, giving and kind man and was always helping people out and loaning out his many tools, equipment and implements. My father in law was usually fixing what others had broken that he had loaned out to others! I remember he loaned his nice backhoe to someone and the person left the bucket up and hit a low bridge and tore it all up. Erich was always buying something to do this or that and I bet at one point in time if it was a machine or piece of equipment he had one at his farm. His other passion was for finding reliable Honda cars at a good price of which I suspect he might have had a dozen or more at one time. He will be sorely missed in Cedar Hill and by my wife's family.

Ben Dean - January 05, 2025 at 01:47 PM



Thank you Ben! Appreciate you sharing your memories! :)

Jennifer Hasty - January 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Erich William Lorenz.



January 04, 2025 at 07:08 PM

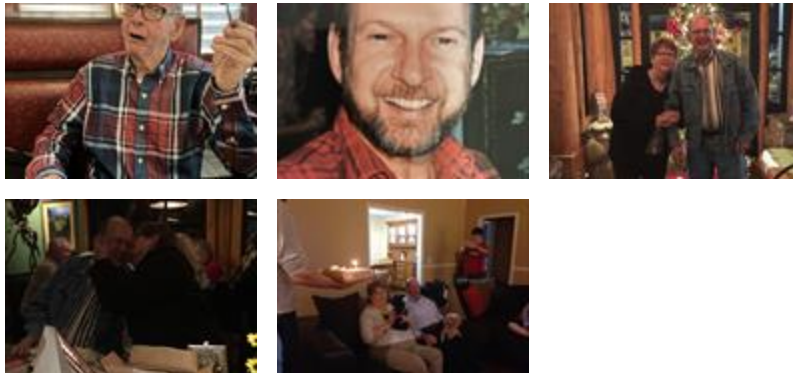


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Erich Lorenz II - January 04, 2025 at 01:57 PM