

## SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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I know this is a little unusual – sending out two letters in a week, But these are unusual times!! I asked Barbara Page if she would write something about Ed for our recent newsletter and she declined. However she contacted me today and said she wished she had written something. As we are not meeting at the club at the moment – where this could have gone on the flash new notice board for everyone to read and we could not attend Ed's funeral where this would have been said I agreed to send it out to you all.

Ed grew up in Wadestown, in a family of three boys of which he was the eldest and he went to Wellington Boys College, then Victoria Uni.

He won a Fulbright Scholarship and went to Harvard where he studied economics. After his PhD he had many years as a high flyer in Washington DC where he worked for the US Govt on the economics of power production, mostly alternative energies.

He and his wife lived in Boston and they had 4 children. When his wife became unwell he moved them all back to NZ to be near his family in Wellington. He worked on being the best Dad for his kids and he is very proud of them all.

They were all in NZ together in Dec and January with his 4 grandchildren and he



Ed – when he was President of our club in 2017– speaking at the Junior and Intermediate Tournament.

had a great time with them then.

After moving back to NZ he was Chairmen of the Commerce Commission and then worked for KPMG before having his own consultancy in Wellington

.As he moved toward retirement he took on rental houses and fixing them up in Featherston .

He always did lots of painting! You might remember the paint always on his hands and clothes

We met again after knowing each other as kids when our dads worked together and 3 families from the Post Office had many picnics and outings together over those years.

I moved back from Western Australia in around 2007/8 to be with him.

That didn't work out but we have opened our business together and it is successful, done a bit of renovating, and we have become very good friends over the last few years.

He started to play bridge after I did and loved it ,also being in the Plimmerton bridge group, an unaffiliated little group that I also had begun with.

He loved the Wairarapa bridge group and being a part of it and enjoyed the friends he made there.

He put across an image of himself that wasn't quite the true picture but he was a lovely bloke and his friends will all miss him. . Just wasn't ready to write this until now.

Thanks

Barbara