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Edward M. Griffin
1934-1993

We are sad to learn that Ed Griffin passed away very unexpectedly shortly after the 1993 AERA Conference in Atlanta. Ed was a charter member of MWERA, served as Co-chair with Sam Mayo of the Planning Group instrumental in establishing MWERA in 1978, and became our First President in 1979.

Ed continued to be active with MWERA and AERA over the years. He came to many of our Annual Meetings and was a source of vitality and encouragement at our Past-President receptions. His most recent pet project was AERA/SIG: State and Regional Educational Research Associations (SRERA), where he held the important position of Database Project Chair. The SRERA News notes that "In Atlanta, Ed surprised many of us by talking about early retirement. He seemed too young for that kind of talk, too young in his looks and in his youthful vitality."

Ed is survived by his wife and two children. To them and to his colleagues at Ferris State University, we extend our deepest sympathies.