

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Michael Edward Austin
13 Feb 1940 – 7 Feb 2011



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Dr. Michael Austin from a heart attack at his home in Concord, Massachusetts. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife, Patricia, his daughters, Melissa Austin and Cheryl Riordan, his son, Glenn Austin, and seven grandchildren.

Mike was a graduate of Notre Dame, ranking second in the class of 1961 and first among the engineering students. After working his way through Graduate School, he graduated in 1967 from M.I.T with a Sc.D. in Electrical Engineering. He worked for M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory in Cambridge and also had several assignments to Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, where he used radar to study the reentry physics of ballistic missiles.

After becoming interested in genealogy, in 1979 Mike formed an organization, which became the Austin Families Genealogical Society, to concentrate on the publishing of Austin research. He served as its president, and as editor of the Society's newsletter, for over 30 years. He also created the Austin-Austen Research Center on the Internet, managed the Austin DNA project and served as administrator for the Austin List on Rootsweb.