



## Farnum Herschel Rocher

May 20, 1927 - January 8, 2023

Farnum Rocher, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and World War II Veteran, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday January 8, 2023 at Arbor Terrace Lakeway in Austin, Texas. He was 95.

Farnum is survived by his wife of 72 years, Josephine Rocher, his children Stephanie Lisch and Stephen Rocher, five grandchildren Scott (Blithe) Rocher, Jessica (Andrew) Schwartz, Geoffrey Lisch, Michael Lisch, and Kylee (Conner) Antweil, and three great-grandchildren Beau, Scarlett, and Lainey. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mollye and Louis Rocher.

He was born on May 20, 1927 in Saint Joseph, Missouri where he grew up. With his mother's permission at 17 years old, despite not knowing how to swim, he joined the Navy and served honorably in World War II aboard the USS Robert H. Smith, a minesweeper that cruised the Pacific Ocean. He ran the ship's store. After the war, in 1950 he married Josephine. In the years after, Stephen and Stephanie were born and the family traveled around the country, eventually settling in Fort Worth, Texas, which was their home for 28 years. In 1992, to be closer to their grandchildren and daughter, Farnum and Josephine moved to Austin, where they remained until his death.

He loved cigars, walking to the bank, and driving really old cars that got him to work and back home. Deceptively fast, in high school he ran track and won

many awards as part of his school's dance troupe. He loved singing in the shower in the morning and after a double-honk from his car as he arrived home, he'd have a martini most evenings after work. One of his life goals was to make sure his children went to college because he and Josephine did not have the same opportunity. Later, he loved sharing cheeseburgers and root beer floats with his grandchildren.

He was loved by all who knew him, but especially by his family. He will be dearly missed.

A private celebration of life for his surviving family is scheduled for the morning of January 10, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance at the Texas Veterans Commission in Farnum's honor.

# Cemetery Details

## **Austin Memorial Park**

2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It was always a pleasure visiting with Farnum! Such a great guy, he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!* ”



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**Hopper Family** - January 20, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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“ *My father, Ralph (Bob) Greenberg also served in the Pacific Theater in WWII. Farnum, my father, and many others endured sacrifices and hardships that are hard to imagine today. And, on their return, their work ethic and values built the American life that we enjoy today. While I know Farnum only through his daughter Stephanie, his life shows that he is among the best of the "Greatest Generation", and I salute him and honor his memory. Rich Green* ”

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**Rich Green** - January 10, 2023 at 11:00 PM

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“ *I never had the privilege to meet Farnum in person, but I feel like I know a little bit about his wonderful personality by knowing his gracious daughter, Stephanie. Stephanie has shared stories about his influence on her life, his warmth and affection, and his love a family. Recently, Stephanie shared with me a video clip that her parents made to congratulate their granddaughter on her upcoming marriage. Even towards the end of his life, Farnum had a twinkle in his eye and a great sense of humor. I think his zest for life is one of the things he has passed along to those he loved. Elaine Allan* ”

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**Elaine Allan** - January 09, 2023 at 04:27 PM