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## Biography of Edward (Ed) Wisser

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...Fred Berman offered the following memorial, which I feel is very fitting:

“As noted in earlier issues of *Model Aviation*, modeling recently lost another of its durable superstars. Let us devote just a few added lines to the memory of Ed Wisser, who, at age 76, was inducted into that relentless passing parade last January 16.

“In a way, Ed probably exemplified most of us. He split his waking hours between vocation and avocation – family breadwinner and fly-machine modeler. Ed, the family man had a son and a daughter, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ed the modeler had one super bridge across that split: his ultra-supportive wife, Kay. She not only helped to sew the seat covers in his Scale cockpits, but also made at least 18 pilgrimages to Toledo by Ed’s side.

“Ed was an ingenious perfectionist. His models were photo images of the full-scale ships right down to the rudder pedals and the rivet heads. To be sure, the Scale fraternity now has a vacant seat in its front row. However, two of his Antique quarter-scale models – a German *Albatross* biplane at the AMA museum in Reston, and a *Tigermoth* at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh – bear lasting testimony to the superb craftsmanship of their departed builder, McKeesport’s Ed Wisser.”