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"Paper Trails"

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...TREASURE LOST: Little Rock area residents who love the thrill of the hunt in garage and estate sales will remember Ralph Erwin, if not by name then by description. For years, he and his wife, Sue ran Estate Sales, Inc, out of an old wood-frame Craftsman-style yellow house on Cross Street off Markham.

The Erwin's set their sales apart by holding them for nearly two weeks, gradually reducing the prices daily until "everything's free."

Ralph, a bear of a man, ran the checkout line, often giving change in \$2 bills and Susan B. Anthony dollars.

Preceded in death by Sue, Ralph passed away July 5. His obituary revealed there was much more to the 68-year-old than his estate sales. He was a member of Central High's class of 1957, active in community organizations, a volunteer who tutored students and an advocate for senior citizens and nursing home residents.