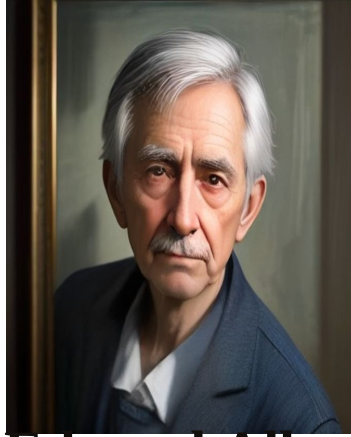




Edward Albee

March 12, 1928 - September 16, 2016

Montauk, New York

Edward Albee, American playwright of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and three-time Pulitzer winner, died at his home in Montauk, New York, on September 16, 2016. He was eighty-eight. Adopted into a wealthy Larchmont household, rebellious youth, and a career that dragged Broadway toward the Theatre of the Absurd's American cousin had already made him a permanent syllabus name - the dramatist who turned living-room cruelty into high art and refused to apologize for difficulty.

Born Edward Franklin Albee III in Washington, D.C., on March 12, 1928, he broke through with *The Zoo Story* and then detonated popular theater with *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1962). *A Delicate Balance* and *Three Tall Women* later brought Pulitzer Prizes; other plays kept testing audiences who preferred comfort. Albee mentored younger writers, guarded his texts fiercely, and treated the stage as a moral gymnasium rather than a soft landing. American drama after mid-century is hard to narrate without his living-room wars.

Montauk's oceanside quiet contradicted the verbal violence of his best scenes. Age did not sand him into a mascot; interviews stayed sharp until the end. Directors still treat a new Albee revival as a dare to actors and audiences alike.

He died in Montauk on September 16, 2016. The plays remain unnerving on purpose.

Albee's lesson is that American speech can be a weapon and a microscope at once. Notice Nearby records the death date so September 16 keeps the playwright who made middle-class living rooms unsafe for polite lies.

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