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Ed Roberts was a pioneering leader of the disabilities rights movement in the 1960’s. He was the first student with severe disabilities to attend the University of California, Berkeley as well as the head of the Berkeley Center for Independent Living (CIL), the first independent living service and advocacy program run by and for people with disabilities.

He is often called the father of the Independent Living movement in the United States.

The greatest lesson of the civil rights movement is that the moment you let others speak for you, you lose.
— Ed Roberts

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Independent Living Philosophy is ...

People with disabilities should have the same civil rights, options, and control over choices in their own lives as do people without disabilities.