



Celebrating the Life of

Edward Joseph Arnim

SUNRISE: September 26, 1946

SUNSET: June 9, 2022

Thursday, June 23, 2022 - 11:30am

St. Joseph of the Holy Family

405 W. 125th Street, New York, NY 10027



Obituary

Mr. Edward Joseph Arnim, 75, father and devoted spouse, Vietnam veteran and retired New York City Transit Authority conductor passed away peacefully in the hospital on June 9, 2022 in Brooklyn, NY. “Eddie”, as he was affectionately known by all, was born on September 26, 1946 in Harlem, NY, the first-born to Harry and Dorothy Arnim, who met while both working at a book manufacturer, H. W. Wilson Co. He was raised in Manhattan and then Edenwald for the beginning years of his life before the family moved to Woodlawn in the Bronx when he was 8. Eddie attended St. Barnabas School and Church and grew up with much faith in the Lord. He then attended public school, graduating from Dewitt Clinton High School. He had a few odd jobs as a youth and often remarked about one of his favorite positions, working as a supervisor in a gardening department. Eddie was then drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, serving his country valiantly and with pride. He often wore his favorite Vietnam veteran cap and beamed with immense satisfaction whenever someone would thank him for his service. While he often remarked that he was not fond of Vietnam, he felt that he fulfilled a sacred duty.

Upon returning to the States, Eddie tested for – and was accepted into – the U.S. Postal Service, where he held a variety of jobs. He purchased a home in Brooklyn in 1971 and soon thereafter he met and married his first wife Erica, having five children with her. Eddie ultimately left the USPS to embark upon a new career, working with the NYC Transit Authority. He loved the subway system and worked in various positions, ranging from Token Booth Clerk to eventual overnight Transit Conductor on the 1 line. It is by working on this train line that he met his second wife, Ingrid, in 1983. He embraced her two young children, Sharon and H. Chris as if they were his own; his newest children were so enamored with him. His son Chris recalls him visiting to fix a TV at a young age and receiving a watch as a “marriage proposal” to him. Eddie soon moved into Ingrid’s home in Harlem, joining her mother, Lucille. On Christmas day 1985, his youngest son Harry was born and the family was at one of its peaks of happiness.

While academic pursuits were not his favorite, he was a genius in many aspects of life – scholastic and otherwise. Eddie was extremely gifted in electrical engineering and repaired many appliances/devices, even having a commercial repair enterprise, with many people bringing in electronics to repair. He even worked in partnership with a Radio Shack location to repair electronics its customers returned. He loved anything to do with radio and actually had a radio station at one point. Eddie also helped produce musical shows in Midwood Field, which attracted celebrity performers; he was very proud of this. He even helped during the beginnings of the NYC Transit Museum.

He loved the Bronx and most of New York City, often recalling his pursuits in his favorite park, Van Cortlandt, and could tell you just about anything about New York geo-history in general – this was his forte. As he worked for the Transit Authority, his knowledge of NYC blossomed even more, and there was literally not one thing about its geography that he did not know – he more-than-traversed the entire map! Eddie loved good food and enjoyed most genres of good music; anything “with a beat,” as he would say. He enjoyed being a night owl, good times, conversation, and embraced a party atmosphere. Eddie and the family loved taking almost-annual trips to Florida via Amtrak (his great love).

Eddie had an impeccable sense of humor and an infectious laugh that would lift anyone’s spirit. He was a kind, philanthropic and generous soul, often opening up the home in Brooklyn to family members who needed accommodation, as well as the home in Manhattan. Eddie never met a stranger, and with his gift of gab he could converse with anyone. Very importantly, he loved people so much and did not see color or status

in others – everyone was an equal. He encouraged everyone to be the best that they could be, and loved his wife, all of his children, family, and friends very much. And of most importance, Eddie was a prayerful man, with a strong, abiding faith in the Lord Almighty, and believed he would go “straight to heaven” to be with his loved ones. At one time, he was a weekly congregant at St. Joseph’s of the Holy Family Church, where his son Harry was also christened. He would also donate his time after services to help feed others and participated in Knights of Columbus meetings for quite some time. Eddie was much-adored and loved, and will be so sorely missed by his children, family, and friends.

Edward is survived by: his son, Herbert Chris; his daughters, Arlene, Beth, Jennifer and Rosemary; his grandchildren, Alex, Gloria, Rachel, Sarah, and Skyler; his sisters, Catherine and her partner, Robert; as well as Margaret and her spouse Carol; his brothers, John, Robert, and Theodore, and their spouses, Eladia, Meybol, and Brita; his nieces, Michele, Linette, Melissa, and Vanessa; his grandnephews, Julian and Cameron; his grandniece, Adelaide; his sister-in-law, Monica and brother-in-law, Jose; his nieces-and-nephews-in-law, Michael, Sandra and her spouse Carl, Dawn, Juliet, Claudia and her spouse Earl, Cassandra, Charmaine, Oliver, Andrew, Morris, Kitanya, LaVerne, Carl Jr., Chris, Brandon, Alton, Adam, Alexis, Isaiah, Joshua, and Jordan; as well as long-time best friends, Michael and Nate. He is predeceased by his father and mother, Harry and Dorothy; wife, Ingrid; his daughter, Sharon; his sons, Edward Jr. and Harry; granddaughter, Destiny; his mother-in-law, Lucille; and brother-in-law, Fitzroy.

Order of Service

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

Gospel: John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Offertory Hymn

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Communion Hymn

Reading of Obituary

FINAL COMMENDATION

Song of Farewell and Incense

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

INTERMENT:

Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

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