

A composite image featuring two portraits of a man against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. The background image is a larger, slightly faded portrait of a man with short dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, smiling. Overlaid on the lower right of this background is a smaller, more prominent portrait of the same man, also smiling, wearing a dark suit, light shirt, and dark tie.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Ervin S. Gutloff Jr.

Sunrise
December 3, 1951

Sunset
August 19, 2025

Service
Wednesday, August 27th 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Norman Coleman, Officiating

Min. Dhar Bryant, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”, Dhar Bryant

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - Annette Jamieson

New Testament John 5:24-29 - Annette Jamieson

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Norman Coleman

Selection..... “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” - Russell Johnson, Jr.

Tributes 2 Minutes Please

Obituary & Acknowledgements Lynda Jones-Johnson

Selection..... “Amazing Grace” - Russell Johnson, Jr.

Eulogy Rev. Norman Coleman

Committal & Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional “Soon & Very Soon”, Dhar Bryant

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Mount Hope Cemetery

50 Jackson Ave.

Hastings-On-Hudson, NY 10706

Obituary

Ervin S. Gutloff, Jr. was born in New York, New York on December 3, 1951 to the late Elzita Sutton and Ervin S. Gutloff, Sr. Ervin was educated in the New York City school system having graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended Lehman College.

Ervin was the fifth and youngest child of Elzita and spent the first part of his childhood in St. Croix, USVI. At 6 years old, he returned to New York with his siblings where they lived in the Bronx.

Affectionately called Junior/Junie by family, he insisted on being called by his proper name when he reached adulthood.

Ervin met Miriam Cardona when they were both teenagers. They married after high school and settled into life together in The Bronx.

Ervin had worked in construction as a welder and would later be employed with Volunteers of America as Lead Superintendent for supportive housing programs for over 25 years, retiring recently.

From his youth, Ervin developed a love and passion for karate achieving the rank of 4th degree black belt winning numerous awards in multiple tournaments. He taught karate to children and adults at a dojo, Ji Chung Do Kan Hapki Ryu, located in Yonkers, NY.

Although Ervin did not have children of his own, he loved teaching karate to both children and adults, helping them achieve success in martial arts. He had a loving impact on the lives of his nieces and nephews as the funny and prankster uncle - the irreverent and mischievous one.

Ervin leaves to mourn his passing two siblings, Leon and Mercedes. Nephews Leo Griffiths and Steven Boothe, Nieces Charlene Gutloff, Lynda Jones-Johnson and Annette Jamieson. Cousins Dr. Lillian Matthews and Cyd Williams, Special Friends William Mallory, Richie Rosen, Teisha Lawrence, Jimmy Nunez, and a host of family, friends and colleagues.

Ervin will be remembered and loved by his family and friends always.

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

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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