

ERIC EDWARD BARTOLOWITS



Devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away October 11, 2023, after a rapid battle with liver cancer. He was 55 years old.

Eric was born a twin on May 23, 1968, on the North Side of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Edward Eugene and Francis Louise Bartolowits. He graduated from North Catholic High School, class of '86, then

enlisted in the US Air Force in 1987. He spent 10 years at Elmendorf Air Base, Alaska and 13 years at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada working Security Forces. Eric was deployed in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He served at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan & Operation Southern Watch. He was proud to serve his country and did it with whole heart, body, and soul, achieving rank of Tech Sergeant.

After retiring from the Military in 2008, Eric settled in Escondido, California. Since January 4, 2016, he worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. as a Lead Associate and Contractor Program Security Officer. In his role, Eric led various efforts that contributed to protecting National Security, a responsibility that he was extremely passionate about. A consummate professional, Eric prided himself on his ability to advise his executive leadership and clients, he contributed to key business development efforts, and he always took the time to be an ever-present mentor and friend to his colleagues and staff. He will be missed dearly.

Eric loved his dog Katie and enjoyed running her at the beach. He spent much time hunting, tending to his vineyard and his beehive. He enjoyed riding his Harley, playing poker, hockey and golf. His favorite sports teams were, of course, the Pittsburgh Penguins, Steelers, and Pirates. He loved watching and playing with his now 3-year-old grandson, Riley.

Eric had an entrepreneurial spirit with countless grand ideas. He loved initiating projects and working to completion, unless being led astray by a more enticing idea. He was inspiring, giving, funny, and loved life. Those who knew him appreciated his devotion to his family and friends. To know him was to love him. He is survived by his three boys, Eric, Jr. (Stacy), James Edward, Aedan Edward; and his cherished grandson, Riley. Also survived by his mother, Frances Louise Bartolowits; and six siblings, Valerie Prorok (Jim), Beverly Zugec (Steve), Lynda Bartolowits, Elaine Palmer (Mike), twin Beth Gardner (James), and Jason Bartolowits (Erica). He was admired by 21 nieces and nephews, 18 great-nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins. Eric was preceded in death by his father, Edward Eugene Bartolowits; and his brother, Wayne Edward Bartolowits (Kim).

A Military Service was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Miramar National Cemetery. **The Pittsburgh Memorial service will be held at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 2208 East Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 on December 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** In lieu of flowers, donate to the NHL Hockey Fights Cancer at NHL.com.

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