

ERIC EDWARD BARTOLOWITS



Eric E. 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 the North Side of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1987. He worked most of his 20 years in Security Forces. During his active duty,

he served two tours in the Middle East. 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 Head of Security, a responsibility that he was extremely passionate about. 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 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, and Aedan Edward; and his cherished grandson, Riley. Also survived by his mother, Frances K. Bartolowits; and six siblings, Valerie Prorok (Jim), Beverly Zugec (Steve), Lynda, Elaine Palmer (Mike), twin Beth Gardner (James) and Jason (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 E. Bartolowits; and his brother, Wayne E. Bartolowits (Kim).

The 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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