

ERIC EDWARD BARTOLOWITS



Eric E. Bartolowits, devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on 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 the 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 his whole heart, body, and soul, achieving the 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 and tending to his vineyard and his beehive. He enjoyed riding his Harley and 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 he was 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 E., Jr. (Stacy), James E., and Aedan E.; 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 is 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](https://www.nhl.com).

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