

In Loving Memory of
Ingrid E. Arnim

Sunrise
October 7, 1951

Sunset
June 22, 2015



Service

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

ST. JOSEPH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

405 West 125th Street • New York, NY

Father Vincent Olofinkua, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Ingrid Arnim (nee Williams), 63, homemaker, retired food distributor, and philanthropist, passed away on June 22, 2015, with her family by her side in New York City.

Mrs. Arnim was born October 7, 1951, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, West Indies to Lucille Richards and Edgar Williams. Her mother was born in Panama when Lucille's father was a law enforcement captain at the Panama Canal Zone (at the time of its construction in the early 20th century). Mrs. Arnim's mother was a talented nurse with the St. John's Nursing Brigade and her father was a well-known and respected farmer in St. Thomas, Jamaica.

Mrs. Arnim joined her mother and emigrated to the United States from Jamaica in her early twenties and called Manhattan her new home; initially near City College and then Morningside Heights, as well as Locust Valley on the north shore of Long Island later in her life. Her daughter Sharon arrived in the U.S. shortly thereafter and she gave birth in 1977 to her first son, Herbert Chris.

Ingrid was employed at a successful food distribution concern, Diversified Foods, in Lower Manhattan and then Yonkers. She was always lauded for her tremendous productivity and work ethic; so much so that she was often made to perform supervisory duties. Mrs. Arnim was extremely conscientious and made it to work without fail, even though she often left her home at 4AM by train and bus to make it to Westchester. In 1983, she met her future husband, a retired NYC train conductor, on one of these fateful trips. They had a son, Harry, two years later. The close-knit family always included her mother, Lucille, who lived in her home, as well, for many years.

Ingrid took unparalleled care of people, particularly her own and other's children, and was well-known for her giving spirit and tender nature. The loving mother provided unconditional love to many (as if they were her own children) and was philanthropic to many when they needed her help the most. Ingrid possessed a strong sense of justice and fairness that inspired many—including her children, family and friends--to always try to be better citizens and to assist others whenever possible. Setting an example, she opened her heart and home on many occasions and never asked for reciprocation. Mrs. Arnim often donated her time and resources to feed the hungry during the holidays, beautify her neighborhood, or assisted in important civic affairs. Her pride in her children buoyed her and, likewise, her children had nothing but utmost respect and pride in her. Nothing made her happier than to see her children graduate from high schools and universities and she shared thoroughly in these accomplishments. Ingrid cared dutifully for her autistic son, Harry, and was a shoulder to lean on for her other son and daughter. Ingrid's daughter Sharon passed away ten years ago, but she often would attend events in honor of her daughter's political engagement. She was so happy to be involved and make a difference in our world—Ingrid had plans to do so much more before she became ill.

Among her many loves, Mrs. Arnim loved traveling and vacationing (particularly to St. Augustine, Florida!), gardening, the ocean (and its water), mermaid lore, food, music, street fairs, beautiful jewelry, the color blue and all things spiritual. Ingrid's inclusive style of spirituality was completely accepting of everyone's faith and lifestyle—she was the last to judge others and the first to make others feel completely included and at ease. A trendsetter in bridging communities and people across differences, she was certainly ahead of her time in her "freedom to love" others regardless of race, religion, skin color, sexual preference, nationality, or any other feature that tends to divide otherwise good people.

Mrs. Ingrid E. Arnim is survived and deeply missed by: her husband and partner of over 30 years, Edward Arnim; her two sons, H. Chris Wool and Harry Arnim; four step-daughters, Arlene, Beth, Jennifer and Rosemary; brother, Jose Richards; sister, Edna Monica Stennett; three brothers-in-law, Robert Arnim, John Arnim, and Theodore Arnim, and their spouses, Meybol, Eladia, and Brita; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Arnim and her spouse, Carol, as well as Catherine Arnim McGoldrick and her partner, Robert. Mrs. Arnim is also survived by six nieces, Sandra Forrester and her spouse, Carl, Dawn Stennett, Juliet Stennett, Claudia Stennett, Cassandra Richards and Charmaine Richards; and four nephews, Michael Stennett, Oliver Richards, Andrew Richards, and Morris McKay. She also loved her many grandnieces and grandnephews whom she loved very much. She has many other loved ones hailing from Jamaica, such as her paternal cousin, Lerlene Howell. She is predeceased by her mother, Lucille Richards; daughter, Sharon Thompson; brother, Fritzoy Richards, and stepson, Edward Arnim.

Funeral Mass

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

Interment

*Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York*

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all
things right if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

Amen

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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