

ERIC A RIDDOCK, JR.

March 31,1929 - May 19, 2022

Service Wednesday, May 25, 2022 - 11:00 am

CAGGIANO MEMORIAL HOME

62 Grove Street • Montclair, NJ 07042

OBITUARY

Eric Audley Riddock, Jr. was born to the late Eric and Lena Riddock in Harlem, N.Y. on March 31, 1929. His parents along with his brother, Rudolph and sister, Cynthia moved to the Bronx many years later. That is where he met a silly little girl named Emily that he would someday marry.

Eric entered the Army in 1947. During his service he was in the Korean War as combat engineer. He also serviced in the occupation of Japan. Three years after his honorable discharge from the Army, he married the love of his life Emily Boney. From that union came Muriel, Eric III, David and Roxanne.

Eric worked for 30 years as a Clerk Supervisor at one of the branches of the United States Postal Service in New York, New York until his retirement. He later re-entered the World of Work at the Law Firm of Sprung, Horn, Kramer, and Woods as an office assistant for ten years and finally retired with his wife, Emily. Who retires twice in a lifetime?

Eric enjoyed the simplest pleasures in life such as being a serious stamp collector, doing carpentry and a New Jersey farmer growing vegetables in his home garden, which was recognized by the New York Times for his innovative method of conserving water during the 1989 water drought in the Northeast. This brought him the greatest joy. He loved taking bus rides to Atlantic City and going to Bingo with his sweetie pie Emily. The one thing that he most loved doing was spending time with his grandchildren, especially outdoors! It went from tending to yard/garden to bug hunting and bird watching. This made their hearts full, a day in the sunshine with Grandpa!

Eric passed away on May 19, 2022. He was predeceased by parents Eric and Lena Riddock, his daughter Muriel Brown. Eric leaves to cherish his love and memory; his wife, Emily, his children Eric Riddock III, wife Salma, David Riddock, Roxanne Smith, husband Darryl, former daughter-in-law Esther Riddock, sisters Cynthia Howard and Julee Hodge, his grandchildren, Tina Brown, Scott Smith, Marissa Riddock, Sharissa Riddock, Isaiah Smith, James Smith and Erick Riddock, his great grandchildren, Erick Wilson, Jayda McClurkin and Emily Smith as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer Fr. Zephryn Katompa

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Jennifer Bailey

Responsorial Psalm: 148:1-2, 11-12,13,14
Tina Schumacher

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 Fr. Zephryn Katompa

Homily Fr. Zephryn Katompa

Prayer of the Faithful Fr. Zephryn Katompa

Obituary Erick Wilson

Words of Remembrance

Final Commendation Fr. Zephryn Katompa



His Smile

Though his smile is gone forever
And his hand I cannot touch
I still have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.
His memory is now my keepsake
Which with I'll never part.
God has him in his keeping,
I have him in my heart.
Sadly missed, but never forgotten.



Acknowledgement

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