



Edward Thomas Aylward

October 2, 1931 - May 7, 2019

Edward Aylward , 87, of Greatkills passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Brooklyn to the late John and Helen Aylward, he was predeceased by his siblings John, Richard, William and Eileen Kiski.

Edward worked for the New York City Police Department for five years before he made the decision to become a New York City Fire Fighter in 1959 where he worked until he retired as a Lieutenant in 1976 from Engine Company 249 in Brooklyn. While he was still a firefighter, he enrolled in the Archer-Yaniglsawa pilot Nursing Program, designed to train city firefighters and police officers nearing retirement to further their careers as registered nurses, the first of its kind in the country. He was among the 87 pioneer graduates who received their degrees from Hunter College Bellevue School of Nursing in Manhattan.

Edward was an avid hunter and fisherman; his daughters still remember taking many fishing trips with their father. He truly loved the outdoors he loved being out on the golf course and riding his bicycle whenever he could. Edward loved the quiet time also by reading books and doing Sudoku puzzles. His family has called him the true definition of a family man. He always enjoyed trips the Atlantic City with his wife, daughter and son-in-law. He and his wife were also snow birds traveling to Sarasota, Florida during the winter months.

He was a member of both the NYPD and FDNY's Emerald Societies, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Helene (nee Costello). Edward was the devoted father to, Kathleen "Kathie" Kline, Margaret "Peggy" Alyward, Theresa Trotta (Steven), and Helene Alyward. The light of his life were his grandchildren, Matthew Planck, John, Jaclyn and Anna Trotta, and Elizabeth Kline. In more recent years he became a proud great grandfather to Lincoln and Scarlett Planck. Edward is also survived by his sister-in-law Helen Alyward and many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday at St. Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island, New York 10308. Arrangements include a Private Cremation.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations in Edward's Memory be made to the Fire Family Transport Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Rosehill Crematory, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

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MAY 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Thomas Aylward*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you, Helene, and your entire family. We so appreciated reading about Ed and always knew you were married to a really great guy. We will surely miss him in Florida this winter. We love you and just wanted you to know we are with you, tho we are miles away. We have truly treasured Ed and your friendship, over the years.*

May God continue to bless you, Helene, and keep you safe in His care.

Betsy and Lowell Alderfer

Longmont, CO

Lowell and Betsy Alderfer - May 09, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *The Garver Family sends our condolences & love. We feel so blessed to know & love Helene & I'm so honored to have the Alyward family I'm my life. Thank you so much for touching us all do much & God Bless your family. All the girls LOVE their Heleeeennneee & send their love.*

jen - May 08, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Helene, We are so sorry to hear of Eddie's death. You both were such good friends. We will always remember the great times we had in Florida. Prayers for you and your family.
We love you.
Joan and Chuck*

Joan Fullen - May 08, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MJ

“ *Mary and Charlie Sevy and Jimmy purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Edward Thomas Aylward.*



Mary and Charlie Sevy and Jimmy - May 08, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Thomas Aylward.*



May 07, 2019 at 10:00 PM

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“ *Rich & Theresa Aylward purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Edward Thomas Aylward.*



Rich & Theresa Aylward - May 07, 2019 at 05:54 PM