



Dr. Eric H. Prosnitz MD.

February 9, 1947 - September 24, 2019

Dr. Eric H. Prosnitz born in Hackensack, NJ (1947) to Milton and Mary Prosnitz (née Shapiro) died in Tucson, AZ on September 24, 2019.

Eric was a proud Yale bulldog (1969). Having never ventured west of New York, he opted for medical school in Los Angeles (USC 1973). His four years in Los Angeles were notable for his marriage to Elaine Prosnitz (née Polinsky) and immersion in the southern California milieu of the early seventies. Thereafter came five years in America's heartland for internship, residency, and a fellowship in nephrology. In 1978, he decided it was time for a real job, and moved to Tucson where he became an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Arizona. He later started and expanded a successful private practice in internal medicine and nephrology. He enjoyed his professional successes and was devoted to helping his patients thrive. His personal life was most enriched by his growing family. He and Elaine had two children, Debra and Beth. He later returned to a faculty position at the University of Arizona while also being a devoted and loving full-time father.

Eric was an avid golfer, poker player, and lover of words. He was an infamous jokester and storyteller. His love of learning and endless curiosity enriched the lives of all of those around him, and elicited many loving eye rolls from his daughters and long-time partner Kathi Willis.

Eric had a heart bigger than this world. Equality was a principle he lived by and taught his daughters by example. He raised two strong women, loved them fiercely, and wished he could have gotten a second bachelor's degree from Smith College; he probably would have majored in Art History.

Eric is survived by his daughters Debra (Peter) and Beth, significant other and love Kathi Willis, and brother Ted (Karen). He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. His death was preceded by Elaine Prosnitz, his Yale Prom date and wife of twenty-two years, and parents, mother Mary Shapiro Prosnitz, father Milton Prosnitz, and stepmother Elaine Tenner Prosnitz.

Eric will be missed by many. His kind heart, humor, and curiosity will be remembered. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Eric's memory may be made to the El Rio Foundation online at elrio.org or sent by mail to 839 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745.

Comments



“ Had Eric pursued a 2nd BA at Smith College, I hope I could have been his academic adviser, as I was for Beth. I met him at Beth's graduation, and because we were both avid Yale Bulldogs we bonded. I remember where we stood as we shared memories of Yale and admiration of Beth. My heart goes out to others who loved him. Dan Horowitz, professor emeritus, Smith College

Daniel Horowitz - September 28, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Have been a friend of Eric since I joined LaPaloma CC 4 years ago. Eric was one of the greatest guys to enjoy golf and social events together. A couple fo years ago I had an injury that required surgery and he was my 'consultant' which was a huge help. My wife and I have played couples golf with Eric and Kathi and the most strenuous part was the exhaustion from all the laughter! What a great guy and I know everyone in our Tuesday group will miss him.

Robert Verbeke - September 28, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Friend since Fairmont School, Hackensack , NJ
We had a wonderful talk last year. Bright, personable And caring. He will be missed. Sad to learn of his passing.

Bruce Pomerantz

Bruce Pomerantz - September 26, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Eric I shall miss you so much, my heart breaks. You were a dear cousin, with a quick wit and a warm heart. Memories of us as children now revisit my mind, your Bar Mitzvah with all of us cousins sitting together at a large round table, celebrating. Your dad and mine, closest cousins forever, until parted by death.I will always remember you as a devoted father and a dear friend.

Susan Hilton - September 26, 2019 at 10:54 PM



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Debra M Prosnitz - September 26, 2019 at 06:14 PM