



Erik Fleming

May 29, 1980 - January 1, 2020

Erik Smith Fleming, age 39, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 1, 2020. Erik was born on May 29, 1980, in Washington, D.C. to Dolores Caffey Fleming and Arthur Fleming, M.D. After moving to California when he was three, Erik attended Rolling Hills Country Day School. Erik graduated from high school at Choate Rosemary Hall and received his undergraduate degree from Brown University. Erik received his Ph.D. in Public Health from Walden University in 2014. Erik met the love of his life, Starr Plummer, in 2010. They married in 2014 and welcomed their son, Erik Smith Fleming, Jr. (EJ) on March 10, 2017. Erik was an outstanding athlete in grade school, high school, and at Brown where he ran track and played Rugby. As an adult, Erik competed on the LA Rugby Team and the USA Touch Rugby Team. Erik started his career at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science where he was a Systems Analyst and Assistant Professor at his passing. His research focused on technology for disease management and prevention in underserved communities. Erik received national awards for his professional achievements. After Erik's diagnosis in the fall of 2017, he wrote that stage 4 appendix cancer "renewed my appreciation of how blessed I truly am" and he encouraged others to "appreciate each day for the blessing it is." Erik is survived by his wife, Starr (Plummer) Fleming, son, Erik Smith Fleming, Jr., and parents Dolores Caffey- Fleming and Arthur Fleming, M.D. He is also survived by loving relatives Aunt, Joann Caffey McDowell, Uncles Smith and Stanley Fleming, D.D.S., the Gacitua family, Anthony Spratling (Gloria), Arthur Fleming, Jr. (Cathy), Jon Eric Fleming, Mark Fleming, D.O., Robert Fleming, Robyn Fleming and Bernadette Fleming. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Erik S. Fleming, Jr. Educational Fund via <https://www.gofundme.com/f/educational-fund-for-erik-fleming-junior>. Visitation will be on Friday, January 10, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the chapel at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, January 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m. sharp at St. John Fisher Church in Rancho Palos Verdes. Interment at Green Hills Cemetery will immediately follow the Mass. A reception celebrating Erik's life will follow the interment at St. Peter's By the Sea Church Reeves Hall on Palos Verdes Dr. South in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Cemetery

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,

90275

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:30PM - 08:30PM

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Green Hills Memorial Chapel

27501 S Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verde, CA, US,

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JAN **Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St John Fisher Catholic

5448 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, US,

90275

Comments



“ My deepest sympathies to you and family, may our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief.

Sincerely, Sonia Bucknor and Family



starrplummer - January 10, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ To the families of Erik Fleming. We pray for strength during this period. He was angel who touch lives he didn't even know. Your legacy reigns....
RIP

The Atkinson's
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Shernette Atkinson - January 10, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ My prayers with Starr, EJ, the Flemmings, and the Gacitua family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Ivy Rhone - January 10, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ My condolences to Starr, EJ the Flemmings and Gacitua family. RIP Erik

Winsome Ormsby - January 10, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ My condolences to Starr, Erik jr. and the Gacitua . RIP . Gone too soon.

sandra Atkinson Graham - January 10, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erik Fleming.



January 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ To Dolores, Art, my dearest Starr, all the family and the friends who loved him like a brother: I am far away in Portugal but I share your deep sadness at the loss such a wonderful young man. I have known Starr all her life; her mother Mauva and I have been great friends for many years, and I was happy to come to LA to help celebrate her and Erik's wedding. I only met Erik twice, at the wedding and next day at his parents' home. I hoped to know him better over the coming years but that was not to be. But I did not need to know him long or meet him often to get the measure of the man. I observed his calm patience as he waited at the door of the church for his bride who was late, while everybody else got impatient. I remember his gracious, considerate hospitality to everyone at his parents' pool party the next day. I marveled that a young man who had been fortunate to have a privileged upbringing, first-class education and outstanding achievements could be so modest and unassuming, even shy. His grace and modesty are a credit to his parents and all who helped raise him. I wanted to send these thoughts to say that though I cannot say I knew Erik well, what little I knew and heard about him was enough to satisfy me. Just as his life, though it seems it was too short to all of us, was a life well lived, and therefore must satisfy all who loved him. He lived a complete life because it was filled with good things - his achievements and his work, his strong friendships, the pride he brought to his family, finding the love of his life and being happily married to her for 5 years, fathering a beautiful son. In 39 years, Erik achieved more than most people can ever hope to do -- so his life was full and for his Maker it was complete. I hope you will consider these truths in the days, months and years to come and that they will give you peace, strength and acceptance. May God be with you.

Lucy Wilson
Olhão, Portugal

Lucy Wilson - January 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



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January 10, 2020 at 02:35 AM