



## Msgr. Edward Martin Eftink

October 26, 1938 - March 8, 2021

Reverend Monsignor Edward Martin Eftink, Ph.D.

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Monsignor Edward Martin Eftink was born near Portageville, Missouri, on October 26, 1938, and departed this life on March 8, 2021, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 82. He died of congestive heart failure.

Monsignor Ed's education began at the Vanduser School, in Vanduser, Missouri. He later attended Guardian Angel Elementary School in Oran after the family moved there. He attended Cape Girardeau Catholic High School, (later named Notre Dame High School) graduating in 1957. Next, he attended St. Louis University in St. Louis with intentions of becoming a lawyer, but during his first year in college he felt a call to the priesthood. He shared this change of heart with his cousin, Betty Priggel Wallen in a letter before telling his parents of his intentions. A heavy snow prevented him from going home to tell his parents, so the letter was delivered to his cousin Betty first before notifying his parents.

He entered the seminary at Conception Seminary College in 1958 and continued his study at Cardinal Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. Monsignor Eftink was ordained a transitional deacon on June 6, 1965. Then on May 14,

1966, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau by the Most Reverend Ignatius Strecker, at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Oran, Missouri. He later earned his Ph.D. at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1971.

Monsignor Eftink's pastoral assignments include: Immaculate Conception parish in Jackson, Missouri and St. Edward mission in Dutchtown; Immaculate Conception in Springfield; St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral parish in Cape Girardeau; Sacred Heart parish in Webb City; St. Mary parish in Pierce City; St. Joseph the Worker parish in Ozark.

Monsignor Eftink served as Diocesan Superintendent of Schools from 1977 to 1990. He was named a Monsignor on March 8, 1990. In 1991, he returned to the parish of his first assignment, Immaculate Conception parish in Jackson, where he retired from active ministry on July 1, 2008.

In retirement, Monsignor Eftink continued in part-time ministry as an "Outreach Preacher" for weekend Masses in parishes across the United States for Cross International Catholic Outreach until a stroke forced him into full-time retirement.

Msgr. Eftink was the oldest of eight children born to Henry and Delpha Kathleen (LaFont) Eftink. Surviving brothers include: Michael and wife Jean Eftink of Cape Girardeau, MO; Larry and wife, Fran Eftink of Springfield, MO; David and wife Doris Eftink of Oran, MO; Louis and wife, Deborah Eftink of Sedgwick, KS; Kenneth and wife, Rebecca Eftink of Bloomfield, MO. Msgr. Eftink is survived by 25 nieces and nephews, numerous great-nieces and nephews, and numerous great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Mary Ann (Goetz) Eftink; and his only sister, Barbara Eftink Jarvis.

It was Monsignor Eftink's request that his body be donated to St. Louis University for medical research and that there be two Memorial Masses. Parish Prayers followed by Rosary will be conducted 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jackson, MO. The first Memorial Mass will take place on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, 208 S. Hope St. in Jackson. The second Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at Guardian Angel Parish, 604 Church St., Oran, Missouri. Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Cross Catholic Outreach.

Arrangements by Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, MO.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
208 S. Hope  
Jackson, MO 63755

## Mass

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
208 S. Hope  
Jackson, MO 63755

## Mass

MAR 13. 11:00 AM.

Inactive - Guardian Angel Church

# Tribute Wall



Mary Shaw

“ I met Fr . Ed way back in the 80’s as a young sister. fr. Ed was a delight and very pastoral. He knew well the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Ruma. Rest In Peace. Ministry well done, Dr. Sr. Mary Shaw, Asc

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**Mary Shaw** - March 19, 2021 at 07:46 PM



MO

“ Monsignor was very special to our family. Our brother Fr. Bill Huggins was a friend of Fr. Eftink. They came to visit me in Hawaii and had a great time eating Mongolian BBQ at Hickam. We have our memories of Fr. Eftink and May his soul rest in peace.

*Marilyn Huggins O'Laughlin*

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**Marilyn Huggins O'Laughlin** - March 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM



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“ Raytheon Technologies: SM-3 IB TUTR purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Msgr. Edward Martin Eftink.



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**Raytheon Technologies: SM-3 IB TUTR** - March 11, 2021 at 01:43 PM

TF

“ *The Huggins Family, purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Msgr. Edward Martin Eftink.*



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**The Huggins Family**, - March 11, 2021 at 09:19 AM

CS

“ *Monsignor was so special to our family. My son, Christopher was diagnosed with cancer at 5 years old. Monsignor was with our family thru the entire journey and my kids thought he was the best. He was there for the good times and the bad. He had a huge heart and was always supportive. I also had the privilege to work for him. We both loved working with finances and as far as the finances go I think we were 2 of a kind. Our family will forever miss him. He was just like family to us. Carol Short*

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**Carol Short** - March 10, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Msgr. Edward Martin Eftink.*



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March 10, 2021 at 12:50 PM

GB

“ My favorite memory with Msgr. Ed was 28 years ago when my 3-year old daughter was sitting on the bench with me while I was playing for Mass at Immaculate Conception. Years ago we also knelt on the altar, looking at the side view of the priest. During the consecration, Brooke whispered to me that she had to tell me something very important and it couldn't wait. When I asked what it was, she whispered LOUDLY that Msgr, had the biggest feet she had ever seen! Well, of course, he heard her, and tried very hard to contain his laughter. He came to her after Mass and told her that he needed those big feet to hold him up! Both of my children had wonderful memories with him, and he will be deeply missed.

*I am honored to be playing the music for his Memorial Mass at Jackson.*

*Gerri Beussink*

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**Gerri Beussink** - March 10, 2021 at 12:20 PM

LT

“ Dear Mike and Jeanie and families, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dear brother!!! Msgr Edward has been truly faithful to His Lord, family and church families! I know you have many wonderful memories to treasure and share as you celebrate his earthly life. My thoughts and prayers are with you, may He rest in peace!



*Love Lonnie and Sharon Tuschhoff*

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**Lonnie and Sharon Tuschhoff** - March 09, 2021 at 01:34 PM