



Most Rev. Joseph W. Estabrook, D.D.

May 19, 1944 - February 4, 2012

February 4, 2012. He is survived by his mother, Genevieve, brother Timothy and his wife, Giselle, and by his sister Mary Ann and her husband, William. He is the son of the late J. Walter Estabrook formerly of Albany, NY. He has several nieces and nephews, William, Julianne, and Joseph Tortolano and Michael and Giselle Marie Estabrook. He also has numerous cousins and family members who reside in Saugerties, NY, and Hoosick Falls, NY.

Bishop Estabrook is an alumnus of St. Bonaventure University and Christ the King Seminary in Olean, NY. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on May 30, 1969 for the Diocese of Albany, NY, and served as an Associate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish from 1969- 1971. Additionally, he served as Chaplain to the Parsons Child Development Center in Albany. He was appointed as the first Family Life Director for the Diocese in 1971 and served in that capacity until joining the Navy as a Chaplain in 1977.

As a Navy Chaplain he served on many ships throughout Europe, and then with the Marines at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia. After completion of studies at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia in 1983, he was assigned to the Chief of Chaplains Office in Washington, D.C., and then to USS CARL VINSON (CVN70), an aircraft carrier serving the Pacific Fleet.

Father Estabrook graduated from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley,

California in 1989 after successfully completing graduate studies in Ethics. He served at the Navy Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily and supported troops in the First Gulf War both in Egypt and Saudi Arabia. He was the Chaplain Basic Course Officer, Navy Chaplain School, Newport, Rhode Island and returned to Washington, DC as the Executive Assistant to the Navy Chief of Chaplains. He also was appointed as the Ethics Consultant to the Navy Surgeon General and served on the Department of Defense Health Affairs Ethics Panel until 1997.

He was Fleet Chaplain, U. S. Pacific Fleet, with additional duty as the Senior Chaplain of the U.S. Pacific Unified Command from 1997 to 2000.

Monsignor Estabrook reported aboard as Command Chaplain, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay in September 2000 until his elevation to the Episcopacy on July 3, 2004 and retirement from the Navy in September of that year.

Bishop Estabrook became a Captain in the U. S. Navy in September 1995. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with two gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star, a Navy Commendation Medal with a gold star, four Meritorious. Unit Awards as well as a number of other medals and awards. He was made Honorary Prelate to his Holiness and given the title of Monsignor in March 1997, appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U. S. A. and Titular Bishop of Flenuclea on May 7, 2004, and ordained a Bishop on July 3, 2004. He was assigned to care for the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military of the western vicariate since that time and resided at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, San Clemente, CA.

Bishop Estabrook is Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus and a Knight of The Holy Sepulcher.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 11:00 am at the

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated with Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop of Albany as Principal Celebrant.

Relatives, friends, clergy, men and women in Military service and the community are respectfully invited and may also call Saturday after 9:30 am at the Cathedral.

Interment with Military Honors will follow the Mass at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Those wishing to remember Bishop Estabrook in a special way may send a contribution to The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle Street Albany, New York 12202

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Most Rev. Joseph W. Estabrook, D.D.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To the Family of my departed Padre, Friend and etc. We had great and fond memories of our tour of duty at the Chief's Office. Father Estabrook will truly be missed. I only learned of his passing while searching for him. Farewell! RP to the Chief's EA##imported-begin##S. Stephens##imported-end##*

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“ *I am at a loss with the news of Father Joe's passing. He was a wonderful boss at the Pacific Fleet Chaplains office. I was truly blessed to work for such a humble person.##imported-begin##Mary Jean Geiger##imported-end##*

February 22, 2012 at 09:16 PM



“ *Father Estabrook was a great person, I have not seen him in years but will never forget his work at VI parish, he was always there for all the youths in the neighborhood and he was a down to earth person that knew how to talk to the kids and help them out at anytime, Joe will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Dennis Clancy##imported-end##*

February 17, 2012 at 11:39 AM



“ *Fair winds and following seas Bishop (Capt) Estabrook ...from a career Navyman.##imported-begin##M. J. Lynett USN (Ret)##imported-end##*

February 09, 2012 at 01:22 PM



“ *Bishop Estabrook was the Director at our Marriage Encounter Retreat on Nov. 10, 1972. We never forgot him and fondly followed his career. We were so thrilled when we learned that he had been ordained Bishop. Our sincerest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Richard & Josephine Larkin##imported-end##*

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“ ITo the family of Father Joe (which I have known him as) for over 40 years I want to extend my sincere sympathy in your loss. He was inspirational in my life and a special friend to our family and he married me and my husband, was there for our family when my brother Ed was shot and killed, when my first born died at birth, when two of my children were born and christened them and in giving me the strength to get through the sad times in my life with his prayers and talks. He truly inspired me and helped me to understand God's will. I will truly miss him even though I have not seen him for many years he still wrote me on occasion and always sent me a Christmas card. He never let on that he was ill when I got his card this year. I know he is in God's hands and my faith tells me that we will meet again. You must be so proud of him and all he has done over the years and I know he is in peace with the Lord. It is you and your family and his friends that will be sad at his leaving this world. He is truly the greatest man and priest I have ever know and I will treasure my time with him and his truly inspiration in my life. May he rest in peace and I pray for you and your family in this time of sadness. My thoughts are with you.

Sincerely

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