



Dr. Arnold Roufa

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Dr. Arnold Roufa (“Roufa”) passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in Covington, LA. He was born on October 30, 1938 in St. Louis, MO to the late Maurice Roufa and Bessie Hoffman Roufa.

Roufa was married to his beloved wife, Arlene Levine Roufa, for 19 years. He was the loving father of Rachel Kosmac (John) and Michael Roufa; and equally loving stepfather of Julie Levine Friedberg (Eric) and Marc Levine (Britta). Arnold was also the proud grandfather of Elena Friedberg, Nicole Friedberg, Zoe Bell Levine, and Crystal Bennett. He was the brother of Ed Roufa and Salye Stein.

Dr. Roufa practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Manhattan for 30 years and was on faculty at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital. Prior to beginning his medical practice, Roufa proudly served in the United States Army, and retired as a Captain.

After retiring from the practice of medicine, Roufa pursued his passion for photography. Lovingly known as The Photo Doctor, Roufa photographed landscapes around the world and took portraits of clients and his grandchildren. No matter where he went, Roufa had a camera at the ready for any unexpected beauty he could find.

A memorial service was held privately by the family. Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in Dr. Roufa’s memory to Planned Parenthood.



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MP

Monica Parker lit a candle in honor of Arnold.

Hello my name is Monica I was sitting just thinking of all wonderful doctors I have had through out my years and no one can compare to Dr. Roufa he was the best doctor I ever had! Im just finding out about his passing in 2018 so with all due respect 🙏 please accept my deepest condolences 🙏 to 🙏 the family! He was one of a kind and there will be no other's like him God bless 🙏



December 28 at 11:32 AM

HS

Hilarie Sacatos posted:

DR. ROUFA HELPED ME DELIVER MY FIRST BORN IN 1975. I AM SO VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT HE PASSED AWAY IN 2018. I DECIDED TO LOOK HIM UP ON THE INTERNET TO SEE IF I COULD SPEAK WITH HIM AGAIN. I WILL MISS HIM, AND WILL ALWAYS LOVE HIM FONDLY AND DEARLY. MY FIRST BORN IS NOW 46 YEARS OLD. THANK YOU DR. ARNOLD ROUFA. HILARIE SACATOS

October 15 at 12:53 PM

LK

Lisa Kleist posted:

I first knew Arnold as a physician - a good one - and then as a photographer - also a good one - but always as a smart, funny unique individual. He walked to the beat of his own drummer but didn't mind if you joined the band! He will be missed.

May 7 at 1:56 PM

BK

Barry Krane posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, Arlene. May the outpouring of love help guide you through these next days...-Barry

May 7 at 11:05 AM

AC

Art Clark posted:

Arlene, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Arnold was an vital part of Nyack's civic activities and his photos were a major reason Visit Nyack's tourism ad campaign is so successful. Art Clark

May 7 at 2:17 AM



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Bob Smith posted:

I'm a now retired Orangetown Police officer. Met and became friendly with "the Doc" through our mutual friend, Lori Reynolds. I'll never forget when I found a seal resting on the dock at the Nyack marina. I got in touch with him and picked him up in my patrol car so we could race down to the marina to photograph it. It became one of his many featured photos for Rivertown. We had a good laugh about that. He was a great guy. Was proud to have known him!

May 7 at 1:17 AM



Barbara Carroll posted:

Arlene, I'm am so sorry & saddened for your loss. I was just talking about Roufa and his beautiful photography just today. Sending my love to you and your family.

May 6 at 3:55 PM



Ellen Divietro posted:

Arlene; So sorry for your loss. Sending lots of love, and condolences to you and your family.

May 6 at 1:02 PM



Kim Cross posted:

Arlene, I am heartbroken about the news of Roufa. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Sending lots of love your way. ♡

May 6 at 12:53 PM



Cheryl Anne shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Arlene I am sorry for your loss. Roufa was one of the warmest people i know. Nyack will surely miss it's favorite photographer. His photos will remind us of his sweet soul.
Cheryl Anne



May 6 at 12:24 PM

CA **Cheryl Anne** May 6 at 12:25 PM
Roufa captured my joy!



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JW

Jen White posted:

Oh Arlene, I am so sad. He was a wonderful, wonderful man, he always made me laugh and this just makes tears stream down my face. So much love to you and the rest of your family. Roufa truly made the world a brighter, funnier and better place. Jen White.

May 6 at 10:23 AM

PA

Paulette posted:

Dr. Roufa, known as the Photo Dr., captured so many beautiful moments in time of Nyack, will certainly be beautifully remembered. So sad to hear and my heartfelt condolences go out to Arlene and the entire Roufa Family. Paulette

May 6 at 9:42 AM

JC

Jeff Cohen posted:

One of a kind! Always brightened the room, party or event just by arriving. The world was a far better place with Roufa in it. Rest In Peace my friend.

May 6 at 9:07 AM

MJ

Mary Jumonville posted:

I remember when my Mother made calypso costumes for our entire family. She included Arnold for my partner. On Mardi Gras Day Arnold and I, literally, danced from Lee Circle to The Absinthe House on Bourbon Street.

May 6 at 9:06 AM

MH

Michael Hoffman posted:

So sorry to hear about Roufa. I'm just thankful Barb and I had a chance to visit with him and you in New York a few years back. I will miss him and think about him often. I am in shock and you and your family are in my prayers.

May 6 at 8:10 AM



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JD

Jim Damiani posted:

Very sorry to learn of Roufa's passing. He loved life and his fellow man. He was a proud Rotarian and an all-around generous soul. I will miss him and his beautiful photos. Heartfelt condolences to Red and family.

May 6 at 7:54 AM

LR

Lorie Reynolds posted:

I have many wild memories and stories to tell. Roufa had a sense of humor like no other. We sure had some fun. Laughed so hard with him that he'd start hyperventilating!! We had something to say about everyone and everything. Things that I won't ever forget... RTFD: ask Roufa for his help and he'd reply, "Read the f'n directions" His worlds famous "Shit List", My killer brownies. Always wear lipstick and mascara! Ciao Ciao Doc!

May 6 at 7:15 AM

LH

Lee Holmes May 7 at 6:06 PM

Well, Rou, I didn't realize our last phone call a few weeks ago was a good-bye. We chatted about regular life things as always; but; you knew. I wish I had. We could have laughed and cried together as we have so many other times over the decades of our friendship. I adore you...for your brilliance, your talent, your generosity and your sweet, sweet soul. Peace to you on your journey...see you on the other side xoxo

JL

Josephine Lore May 6 at 8:25 AM

A wonderful, generous, caring, loving and talented person. A true Rotarian. His will be missed. Condolences to the family.

MW

Maria Luisa Whittingham May 6 at 8:21 AM

Happy, fun and loving memories will live forever in my heart ❤️ my sincere loving thoughts go out to Arlene and Arnold's loving family and friends. 🙏

SA

Sandee posted:

My heart is broken...the best doctor, friend, & "cousin" ever! The world is a much dimmer place with out his humor & love! Arlene, thank you for being such a source of happiness & love to him...May his memory ever be a blessing.Love, Sandee

May 6 at 6:46 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arnold by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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