

BRANDES-DESMARAIS FAMILY

The Brandes family lived in Baychester, Bronx, New York at **2201 Palmer Avenue** in 1950.¹

Edwin T. Brandes was born in New York City, NY on May 15, 1902², son of German immigrant **August Henry Brandes** and native New Yorker **Elizabeth Wright**³. On Feb. 17, 1930 Edwin married **Diana Desmarais** in Manhattan, New York. Diana was the daughter of **Alfred Desmarais** and **Leone Jeanne Presse**. She was born in New Hampshire on Sept. 21, 1904, the eighth of eleven children born to Alfred and Leone.

After their marriage, Edwin and Elizabeth lived in the Bronx, NY at 1322 Morris Avenue in 1930⁴; at 2140 Washington Avenue in 1940⁵; finally in 1950 living at **2201 Palmer Avenue**. They had one child, **Robert E. Brandes**. Edwin supported his family as an Auto Engineman, working for the NYC Dept. of Water Supply. Diana worked as a Practical Nurse at a hospital.

Edwin Brandes died at age 87 on Nov. 7, 1989. It is not known where he may be buried. Diana Brandes died at age 63 in Sept. 1967. It is not known where she may be buried.

Their son Robert eventually moved out of Baychester, living elsewhere in the Bronx, NY.

¹ 1950 US Census

² SSDI

³ NY City Marriage Record

⁴ 1930 US Census

⁵ 1940 US Census