



Willard Lee Arnold

January 1, 1930 - March 25, 2010

Willard Lee Arnold Willard Lee Arnold of Lake Norma Estates in Huntsville, Texas passed away on Sunday March 21, 2010. He was surrounded by family as he left this world in peace. He was born in Calvin, Oklahoma in 1930 to Grady Martin and Lena Arnold. Willard grew up and moved from his roots in Oklahoma by joining the United States Navy and then transferring over to the United States Army where he did 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster to the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal Clasp, Silver with 1 Loop, First OLC to Combat Medical Badge, Bronze Star Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster with "V" Device and Purple Heart while serving in the Army. He retired with honors after twenty years. Returning home, Mr. Arnold pursued a successful career with the Texas Department of Corrections, where he retired after another twenty years as a Regional Medical Administrator. Mr. Arnold joins his long time wife Masae Arnold who passed in October 27, 2004. They were happily married for 53 years. Mr. Arnold is survived by his oldest son, Willard G. Arnold, daughter, Nancy Waldron, and youngest son, Eddy Arnold. Willard G. Arnold is married to Bristol Porter, and they have two children: Ashley and Andy. Nancy Waldron is married to Mark Waldron, and they have two children: Tommy Waldron (married to Brice Tountas) and Lisa Mahaffey (married to Luke Mahaffey). Eddy L. Arnold is married to Dorothy Refsell, and they have four boys: Eddy

Kyle, Nate, Sam, and Cameron. Visitation will be held Wednesday March 24, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home located at 1700 Normal Park Drive in Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of Mr. Arnold's life will be held on Thursday March 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be at Brook Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Lee Arnold*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Nancy, So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. From reading the other condolences you were very close and I know how it hurts when you lose someone close. My prayers are with you, Mark and family. Love, Hugh Boyle*

Hugh Boyle - March 29, 2010 at 01:26 PM



“ *Nancy, Mark, and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know what your dad meant to you and I pray for peace in your time of sorrow. We love you guys!*

Colette & Tanner Willems - March 26, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ *When I came to work at TDCJ in 1985, your dad was my regional health administrator. I was a naive young woman that had never been around offenders. Your dad was simply good to me. He was generous with advice and watched me so that I did not make mistakes. I am sorry for your loss, but happy in that Mr. Arnold is now with your mother. I knew he was in the hospital and had been praying for his recovery, but God had other plans. May you have peace in God's love and plans for his and your lives.*

Donna Mills Vallie - March 26, 2010 at 10:49 AM

RF

“ A big part of our family memories of Lake Norma Estates days include your mom and dad. They were such great neighbors, and friends. Our prayers are with your family.
In Christ

Rick Henderson Family - March 25, 2010 at 05:40 PM

BR

“ *Nancy, Mark and Family,*
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. I would have liked to have been there for you as you were for me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda Cowart Rusk - March 25, 2010 at 03:07 PM

DT

“ *Dear Nancy, Mark, Will, Eddie and families, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Your family has always been very special to me and my family. Y'all were wonderful across the driveway neighbors to us at Wynne Unit and we have many wonderful memories of those days. It was a time full of fun. Your parents were fantastic people and James and I really enjoyed knowing all of you. Now, James and your parents are having a great time in Heaven. Take care. Love ya, Dorothea Tarver and family (Rachel and Ruth)*

Dorothea Tarver - March 24, 2010 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ *Dear Arnold family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Arnold and I worked together on the Ramsey Units long ago. I recall him taking care of many of the young childrens scraps and bruises including my young son's at the time. He was a very kind man.*

David Stacks - March 24, 2010 at 11:20 AM

CA

“ Mark & Nancy,

Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I truly enjoyed being part of the Arnold family and meeting Uncle Pete. He was a GREAT man and will continue his legacy through his family. He touch many hearts in his life. Love to all.

Claudia Arnold - March 24, 2010 at 11:14 AM

NW

“ Will, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Nancy Wood - March 24, 2010 at 12:11 AM

CH

“ Nancy, Will and Eddy our prayers are with you and your families during this time. Your Dad has left so many wonderful memories for you to treasure. Your Dad was so much fun to be around. I remember he would give guys a hard time when they came to pick us up at the house. I think he enjoyed watching the guys squirm. I remember when a dog had scratched my hand your Dad looked at it and said to go to the ER right now because it looked like I had blood poisoning. He was correct and the doctors said he saved me from having to go through a life threatening condition. Your Mom and Dad took me under their wings and treated me like family. I learned how to cook from your Mom and how to make an awesome roast. I will forever be grateful that God placed your family in my life.

Cynthia Martinez Hartman - March 23, 2010 at 02:32 PM

SP

“ *Mark, Nancy, Willard, Eddie and all, I know that Bob will be taking good care of Hap and they will fish and make a lot of jokes together. I know you will miss him so much. He was always so nice and very good to me when Bob died. My prayer and thoughts are with you all*

Sandra Bean and Phil Peet - March 23, 2010 at 02:17 PM

MP

“ *Nancy, Mark, Willard G and Eddie, we are so sorry for your loss. He was a good father and husband, and a good friend. He will be missed by many people. You will all be in our prayers.*
Morris and Joyce Perkins

Morris and Joyce Perkins - March 23, 2010 at 02:11 PM

KJ

“ *Dear Arnold family,
It made us sad and shocked to hear that Mr.Arnold passed away.Please accept our sincere condolences.*

Mr.Arnold had big body and big warm heart, we loved his smiling face.

The bonds between Arnold family and Shirota family, which Mr.Arnold, Masae Arnold, Akira Shirota and Haruko Shirota made, will be continued.

Though we are living in distant, we believe we can keep in touch with.

We hope you will recover from your deep sorrow very soon.

Keiko and Hisayuki EBISAWA, Machiko and Kazuo HAMAI, Yumiko and Masaaki TAKEDA in Japan - March 23, 2010 at 09:43 AM

BN

“ *Mark, Nancy and the Arnold families, My prayers and ththought are will you in you time of sorrow. God be with you.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - March 22, 2010 at 11:28 PM

DE

“ *Mr. Arnold was a huge influence on our lives when we were very young. His kindness and friendship to us personally and professionally was never forgotten and we are so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man.*

Doug and Dana Eckles - March 22, 2010 at 03:58 PM

BP

“ *Nancy,
We are thinking of you and your family in your time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and Prayers. Bob and Rosemary Payne*

Bob Payne - March 22, 2010 at 03:33 PM