



John David Arnold

June 27, 1939 - September 6, 2015

John David Arnold, 76, of El Campo, passed away September 6, 2015. He was born on June 27, 1939 to the late Frank Jr. and Dorothy Peters Arnold.

John worked for Penner Electric Inc. as a master electrician and was a farmer and rancher as well. He was retired active from the El Campo Volunteer Fire Department where he served in all phases for over 50 years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus 2490. John and his wife Ann were involved with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter where they served in leadership roles as a couples team. They were also among the first laypersons to become Eucharistic Ministers for St. Philip Catholic Church. Most people will remember John for his big handshakes and for his love to give hugs.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Arnold; daughter, Stacy Reyna and husband Refugio; son, James Pierce and wife Teresa; and grandchildren, Shayna Schmidt and husband Tate, Hayley Chandler and husband Cory, Kyle Pierce, Matthew Reyna and Morgan Reyna.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Amelia "Mitzi" Griffin, Doris Jean Arnold and brother Frank Arnold III.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Triska

Funeral Home and 6 to 7 PM at St. Philip Catholic Church with a Knights of Columbus Rosary being recited at 7 PM. The Funeral Mass will begin at 10 AM Wednesday, September 9, 2015 with Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Brian Machart, Curt Lutringer, Nathan Machart, Ed Wasek Jr., Ray Talmage, Chris Machart and Michael Lutringer. Honorary pallbearers are Jackson Motal, Sam Franco, Soloman Franco, Justin Priesmeyer and Lloyd Klatt.

Memorial donations in honor of John may be made to the St. Philip School Endowment Fund or the El Campo Volunteer Fire Department.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Rosary

SEP 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Tribute Wall

WE

“ John has been special to us ever since he followed Laird around town and invited us to be a part of the Marriage Encounter Community in El Campo. We were blessed to know him closely because he was willing to share his life with us. We believe that he was truly a walking miracle. I remember when I was under sedation in the hospital, and yet I could hear him praying for me. He truly cared about other people, and Laird and I were so blessed to be his friends. His passing leaves a big hole in our lives, but we are thankful for the good life that he lived.

Winnie Engle - September 12, 2015 at 03:50 PM

PP

“ We sincerely appreciate the goodness that flowed from the couple ness of John & Ann in their dedication to Marriage Encounter .. Countless couples were enriched & renewed in sacramental graces & inspiration received through this movement of the Spirit. God's blessings as you mourn his passing. Paul & Doris Patek, Shiner, Tx

Paul & Doris Patek - September 11, 2015 at 11:09 AM

GO

“ John was a great class mate and a great neighbour as we grew up together across the "pasture". Will miss his smiling face and "handshakes" at our class reunions. Gene Osina

Gene Osina - September 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM

SR

“ Sincerely, Shana Rodriguez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John David Arnold.



Sincerely, Shana Rodriguez - September 09, 2015 at 09:54 AM

MM

“ Dearest Ann, We are deeply saddened at your loss of your life partner, John. Even though we can't be there, we hold your hand spiritually as you say good bye for now as we know you will meet again in the arms of our dear Lord in Heaven! All our love goes out to you. Many Hugs!



Mike & Mary Anne McCarthy

Mary Anne McCarthy - September 09, 2015 at 09:20 AM

JD

“ Ann, we are so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful man. We have fond memories of the times we spent with you both, as well as the other ME couples of Section 10. You and your family are in our hearts and in our prayers.

*Judy and George Denton
2249 E. Union Valley Rd
Seymour, TN 37865
judydenton@bellsouth.net
georgedenton@bellsouth.net*

Judy Denton - September 09, 2015 at 08:50 AM

DH

“ *Diana And Phil Huvar lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold*



Diana and Phil Huvar - September 08, 2015 at 05:13 PM

FK

Dear Ann, I do have very good recollections of John even though we did not have long associations. But frankly, he and you made a great impression on me. I want to express my heartfelt condolences to you and your dear family at this time of great loss of someone so dear and near to you.

Be very sure of my prayerful remembrance of John.

God be with you.

Fr. KK

Fr. Joseph K. Kalladan (Fr. KK) - September 11, 2015 at 02:03 PM

CS

“ *John is a man we highly respected and thought the world of.. He was always so full of life and would make us smile. He will definitely be missed. We know God is taking care of him. Thoughts and prayers go out to Ann and the entire family.*



Christina and Darrell Smith

Christina Smith - September 08, 2015 at 04:50 PM

EW

“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing.*

Elaine and GAYNARD Wigginton

elaine wigginton - September 08, 2015 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ *My sympathy to Ann and all of the family.
Ms. B*



Bernadette Terrell (Ms. B) - September 08, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
John David Arnold.*



September 08, 2015 at 03:09 PM

MM

“ *The man who could put a smile on anyone's
face! I will remember all the great
conversations we had at the Coop! Now go
rest on that high mountain.*



Matt and Candice Mills - September 08, 2015 at 02:05 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of
John David Arnold.*



September 08, 2015 at 11:02 AM

FB

“ Frank & Billie Becak lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold



Frank & Billie Becak - September 08, 2015 at 09:47 AM

ES

“ I have the fondest memories of John. He was a good Christian man. Everyone at STP held him in the highest esteem. The world was a better place because of John. With love, Eddie Simpson-Kocurek

Eddie Simpson-Kocurek - September 08, 2015 at 09:16 AM

TF

“ The Allen Machart Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John David Arnold.



The Allen Machart Family - September 08, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ Shirley Mccollum lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold



Shirley Mccollum - September 08, 2015 at 05:59 AM

SG

“ *John Arnold will be missed, our friend and neighbor! Always a wave when we passed by and looked after my husband when he worked with him at Penner! Sending prayers to Ann and all his family! You are all in our thoughts! Eddie and Sherrie Graeter*

Sherrie Graeter - September 08, 2015 at 12:06 AM

AF

“ *Alphonse & Tracy Kristinik & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John David Arnold.*



Alphonse & Tracy Kristinik & Family - September 07, 2015 at 12:16 PM

MF

“ *Melvin and Charlene Machart & Family purchased the Garden Cross for the family of John David Arnold.*



Melvin and Charlene Machart & Family - September 07, 2015 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ We have very fond memories of John. John had a major impact on our lives over the past 40 years. We have been inspired by his faith and love for Almighty God. That faith and love of his family carried him through some tough times and he done this with his wonderful smile.

John had a great sense of humor and we have laughed and cried with him and Ann many times over the years. So many happy memories of travelling to a marriage Encounter event and many other get togethers.

He truly was a gentle Giant and you had to be ready for his Bear Hugs.

May he receive his well earned Eternal Rest and may Perpetual light shine upon him.

Our prayers are with you and your family Ann and may the Holy Spirit that has been part of your lives all these years continue to strengthen you.

Love

Deacon John and Eileen



Deacon John & Eileen Mc Court - September 07, 2015 at 11:51 AM

TC

“ Travis Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Arnold



travis clark - September 07, 2015 at 10:42 AM

TC

Hey Bigun going miss that..... Thank you for everything you did for us in the Fire Dept. and for me and Cassie in our Marriage in Counter before we got married. You will be missed...

travis clark - September 07, 2015 at 10:51 AM

JG

“ *Dear Big John, we will miss you. We will miss the love that you so unselfishly shared with everyone. We will miss your laughter, and we will miss your bear hugs. We pray that you will rest in the loving arms of our Lord. And dear Ann, we love you also. You who so lovingly took care of this great man during his health trials. You who loved John at all times. We pray for you and for your lovely family. May the Lord be with you always, but particularly during this difficult time.*

*All our love,
Jose and Marilyn Garcia*

JoseandMarilyn Garcia - September 07, 2015 at 10:39 AM

KY

“ *I still remember working at Ritz Drive Inn #2 as a teenager in the early 70s and John would stop in every day after work. I so looked forward to seeing and visiting with him, just for that short period of time. He was always so upbeat, happy, friendly and funny. He was a truly good man.*

Kirk Youngdale

Kirk Youngdale - September 07, 2015 at 10:15 AM

MK

“ *My deepest condolences are with you all at this time of loss. I feel blessed to have know Mr. Arnold. He will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Mindy Kutach

Mindy Kutach - September 07, 2015 at 10:13 AM

WR

“ *With John, what you saw was what you got, an uncomplicated, loving Christian man who just made life happier and better for all those who knew him. Ann, God took away his pain. Our prayers are with you and yours.*

Wanda and Jack Rapp

Wanda Rapp - September 07, 2015 at 09:22 AM

EC

“ *Ann, James, Stacey and Family. We send our heartfelt prayers and sympathy . John was always a kind , loving man. Always had a smile on his face. I havent seen him in years, but will always remember him. May he rest in peace and dance on the streets of gold in heaven.*

Elaine Mach Cook

Elaine Cook - September 06, 2015 at 10:46 PM

BL

“ Dearest Ann & Family,
Our Sympathies & Prayers are with you at your loss of John .
Dear Big John -- Big Heart, Big Smile, & Big Bear Hugs -- we Love
you & miss you already.
Through our tears & aching hearts we are comforted knowing that
you are receiving the biggest & most welcoming Hug from Jesus
tonight...
We're so Thankful for the Blessings of knowing you & your Beloved
Ann through our Marriage Encounter Ministry .
God Bless you John.
And God Bless Ann & your whole Family.
Love,
Brian & Tina Little & Family
Pearland, Tx.

Brian & Tina Little - September 06, 2015 at 10:30 PM

MS

“ Big John...heart of gold! Many good memories of a wonderful
neighbor and friend. Love to Ann and all the family.

mary Sappington - September 06, 2015 at 10:05 PM

LI

“ A wonderful caring man will be so missed. John may you rest in
peace and watch over us all

lillette ilse - September 06, 2015 at 10:00 PM

VH

“ *Val Hargrove lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold*



Val Hargrove - September 06, 2015 at 09:10 PM

SD

“ *Very Good Man who gave a lot of his free time in Helping Others May he RIP.*

stephen Davis - September 06, 2015 at 08:57 PM

EZ

“ *I remember my uncle as being a man with a big smile and even bigger hug. He always made me feel safe as a child. I have always had the utmost respect for him and my Aunt Ann. My prayers for her, James, Stacy, and there families at this time.*

Evie Gleason Zapalac - September 06, 2015 at 08:05 PM

KA

Losing John is like losing a family member. Ann, John, Stacy and James were close and loving friends to our family. So many wonderful memories that make us smile and always remember John's big smile and love for others. Prayers for the family!

Kathleen Appling - September 06, 2015 at 10:14 PM

LR

“ *Thought a lot of John and enjoyed working with Him during my career with the Texas Department of Public Safety. My sincerest sympathy to the family.*

Lawrence Roome - September 06, 2015 at 07:35 PM

DS

“ Anne, we are very sorry for the loss of your beautiful soul who was so full of life and brought the light of Christ to those in his presence. We love you and are praying for you and your family!! Love, Chris and Debbie Sulak and family.

deb & chris sulak - September 06, 2015 at 07:18 PM

DF

My deepest condolences during this most difficult time. May God wrap his loving arms around you Anne, James, Stacey and your families. All our love, Dana and Lana Foyt

Dana Foyt - September 06, 2015 at 08:29 PM

NJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family... he will be truly missed. Sending my thoughts and prayers.

Natalie Stepan Janik

Natalie Stepan Janik - September 06, 2015 at 07:07 PM



AP

“ Adam Pfeil lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold

Adam Pfeil - September 06, 2015 at 06:57 PM





“ *When John & Ann married he was the happiest Man. At their reception I was amazed what a good dancer he was, he & Ann floated over the dance floor. He will be missed.*
Becky Chomout

Rebecca Chomout - September 06, 2015 at 06:25 PM

KO

“ *Kevin Obriant lit a candle in memory of John David Arnold*



Kevin obriant - September 06, 2015 at 06:23 PM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to learn of John's death. You are in our prayers.*
With Christian Love - Joe Tom and Kathy Davis

Joe Tom and Kathy Davis - September 06, 2015 at 05:41 PM

LK

Ann we were so sorry for your loss may John rest in peace. Linda & Ken Kram

Linda Kram - October 03, 2015 at 11:12 PM