



Keith R. Arnold

September 15, 1933 - November 20, 2011

Keith Ramon Arnold, 78, passed away at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, November 20, 2011 at Jerseyville Manor. He was born September 15, 1933 to the late Ewell and Blanche (Dawdy) Arnold. He graduated from Jacksonville High School and worked many years farming and raising Black Angus cattle. In later years, he worked at ACBL Barge Line in St. Louis as a crane operator and retired from there. He married his sweetheart of 48 years, Marilyn (Hubbard) Arnold on November 23, 1963 in Jacksonville, IL. She survives. He was a member and deacon at the Bunker Hill Baptist Church. He helped start 3 mission churches. He loved his Lord and his work as a Sunday school superintendant, Sunday school teacher and deacon. He and his family started and named Lincoln Avenue Church in Jacksonville, IL. He was blessed with six children, David of Alton, Douglas (Shirlene) of Brighton, Lauri of Fort Worth, TX, Dale, who preceded him in death, Kelly Rae, who preceded him in death, and an infant Darin William, who preceded him in death, two grandchildren, Shane and Jessica, and a very special friend, Kenneth Retzer. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Allen Richards and an infant brother, Dale Ivan. He loved, raised, and sold Cocker Spaniel puppies for 44 years. He enjoyed antique collecting especially bells, all sizes, buttons, cups and John Deere items. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2011 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2011. Reverend Darrell Molen will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bunker Hill Baptist Church, the Neutropenia Research foundation, the Alzheimer's Association or the American Humane Society.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Keith R. Arnold*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family as you cope with the loss of a loved one. may the fond memories shared bring comfort during this time of grief and pain.*

A. Jackson - November 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am a friend of Lauri's from Fort Worth, and I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Sweet Lauri.*

Jeana Schnedorf - November 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marilyn and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you through the difficult time. Keith was a wonderful man and even though we did not see each other frequently I remember him and your family fondly.*

May the Lord grant you the strength needed in this time.

Mindy

Mindy Boirum Leavell - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lauri, Marilyn, David, and Doug;

I pray the Lord will comfort your hearts during this time of grief.

Steve Sims - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ PEACEFUL WATERS CAMP

*We struggle here with many a tear.
Life puts us to the test.
But we bravely face what must take place
And do what seems the best.*

*When storms spread fear and waves rose near
Christ calmed that raging swill.
Whate'er betide He stands beside
And whispers, "Peace, be still."*

*It breaks our heart to have to part
Even if, for him, it's release.
When God says "Come - on into Home
For joy and bliss and peace."*

*There is a time in peace sublime
When we shall be at rest.
There is a place by God's dear face
We camp with all the blessed.*

- Kenneth A. Retzer

Dr. Kenneth A. Retzer - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM