



Dr. Gary Arnold

September 9, 1946 - August 14, 2019

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 19, 2019, at Delhomme Funeral Home for Dr. Gary J. Arnold, who died on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, surrounded by his family at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Gary J. Arnold was born on September 9, 1946, the son of William F. Arnold and Ethel Landry Arnold. He graduated from the LSU School of Medicine in 1971 and completed his surgical residency in 1975. He began his surgical practice in Lafayette, LA in 1976. After closing his surgical practice in 1993, he became an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Dr. Arnold was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Southeastern Surgical Congress, a member of the Louisiana State Medical Society, Lafayette Parish Medical Society, Surgical Association of Louisiana and the James D. Rives Surgical Society. His retirement days were spent enjoying his granddaughters, fishing, and woodturning. His family and friends will always remember him as a loving husband, a caring father, a fun, super-smart PawPaw, a kind, compassionate doctor, and an educator inspiring others through his love of teaching.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dee; his son, Steven; his daughter, Sharon and her husband Vaughan Fontenot; his three granddaughters Eden, Eleanor, and Estelle; and his sister Bonnie Arnold Shaffett.

He was preceded in death by his father, William F. Arnold, and his mother, Ethel Landry Arnold.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing.

The family requests that visiting hours be observed from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday,

August 18, 2019, at Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 PM on Sunday. Visiting hours will continue on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 9:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Arnold family at www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangement.

Cemetery

Events

St. John Cemetery

LA,

AUG Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

AUG Rosary 06:30PM

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AUG Visitation 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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AUG Service 11:00AM

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Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers
LA, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Delhomme Funeral Homes - August 17 at 01:59 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the entire Arnold family, . I am just hearing now of Dr. Arnold's passing. My heart is full of sadness to hear this news. I was privileged and Blessed to have an opportunity to have met such an amazing Doctor but most importantly such an amazing person. I first met Dr. Arnold at OLOL when I began my nursing career. He was one of the best surgeons in Lafayette. He taught me a lot and was not only a mentor but like a father figure to the nurses on the floor where his patients were recovering. When he decided to close his practice I was deeply saddened because his teaching would no longer be in my presence but I understood after speaking with him and telling him how we would miss him and wished him the best in his new career at ULL. May God give you the strength and comfort you need and know that he is no longer here physically but will forever be with you spiritually. May you rest in peace my friend.

Wendi Reynaud-Sonnier
OLOL/WCH, Lafayette, LA



Wendi reynaud-Sonnier - August 28 at 01:58 PM



“ Dear Dee,
I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. My mom had seen Dr. Gary as a patient and thought so highly of his knowledge and kindness. My prayers are with you going forward.

Francis Boustany - August 22 at 02:08 PM



“ I finished LSU medical school in 1972, Gary in 1971. I did not know him at the time. My first encounters with him were as a straight medicine Intern at Lafayette Charity Hospital 1972-73 when he was a first year surgical Resident. Gary was always very responsive to emergent needs on our medical wards, and I was impressed with his surgical skills and pleasant personality in difficult situations. I returned to Lafayette to begin my career in Diagnostic Radiology at Our Lady of Lourdes in 1976, the same year he began his practice in General Surgery. Through the years at Lourdes I got to know Gary on a more personal level and continued to be impressed with his outstanding surgical ability. As his practice began to gravitate towards Breast care I also began to be more involved and interested in Mammography, hence we would often work in close association. Gary was always striving for perfection. When he decided to leave his surgical practice I was very surprised and disappointed. However, through the years I began to hear of his powerful impact on the USL/UL nursing students. Kathleen and I send our deepest sympathy, and will keep all of the family in our prayers as each of you adjust to his absence.
Dr. James B. Godchaux (Jimmy & Kathleen)

James B. Godchaux, M.D. - August 19 at 12:27 PM



“ Johnnie B. Simmons lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Arnold



Johnnie B. Simmons - August 17 at 07:25 PM



“ I remember Dr Gary Arnold when he started at OLOL until he left and started Teaching. He was a true person that loved his patients an all of the staff working with him. He was soo friendly an down to earth. Taught us a lot of compassionate lessons. Gentle an kind easy to talk with.
May you rest in HEAVEN ANGEL.
Johnnie B. RN

Johnnie B. Simmons - August 17 at 07:24 PM



“ Dr Arnold was my pharmacology instructor at ULL. He was a great teacher! Very kind man. He used to tell us students to not stay up all night studying. I learned so much about pharmacology with Dr Arnold. Oh, he liked to jingle his coins in his pocket as he lectured! So very sorry for your loss. He definitely was a great man/physician.

dianna Patin - August 17 at 04:46 PM



“ He saved my brothers life for 16 years until his body gave way to his injuries. My brother had no insurance or job and Dr Arnold still stayed for my brother. . Dr Arnold gave us encouragement during the difficult time. He was very humble and all about helping people. I am very thankful for his compassion for life and people. May God Bless his family with comfort and peace.

sandy thibodeaux - August 17 at 01:23 PM



“ Dr. Arnold was my pharmacology instructor in the late 90's. He was so intelligent, genuine, compassionate, professional, and kind. My grandmother (who had raised me) passed away during that time. I was falling apart but couldn't miss class. He sat me down and sweetly told me that I had to basically suck it up because helping other people doesn't stop when life gets hard. He showed me compassion but taught me the meaning of professionalism all with a hug. Every day for weeks he made sure I was ok with a smile and a pat on the back. I'll never forget his words of wisdom and kindness.

Jackie Genusa formally Self - August 17 at 10:30 AM



“ Dr. Arnold was my pharmacology teacher. He was the best!! I learned so much from him. I will never forget the day the twin towers fell in New York (9/11) we had a pharmacology test on that day. While waiting to begin our test, Dr Arnold told all of us students to concentrate on this test like the surgeons in New York are concentrating on all the lives they are saving. I will never forget his words! He was the best!

Wendy Dartez - August 17 at 10:21 AM



“ Gary was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. While at Our Lady of Lourdes, we had many great conversations throughout the years. Brilliant and down to earth. He was a good friend and I've always respected him, even before we ever met.

My sincere condolences to all family members. Eternal peace brother.

Mike Huggins

Mike Huggins - August 17 at 09:59 AM



“ I was one of Dr Arnold’s last five patients, diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993 at the age of 36. He was a great doctor with an even greater bedside manner. He told me to stay positive and have only positive people around me....and I did! I am happy to say 26 years later I am still alive and well! Thank you Dr Arnold. I am so blessed that I got in under the wire to have you as my doctor in one of the scariest times of my life! May you Rest In Peace in Jesus’s arms, “ well done good and faithful servant”
Cathy Faulk

Cathy Faulk - August 17 at 07:46 AM



“ Dr. Arnold you were a hoot. The ability to combine your expertise as a great surgeon with the exceptional talent of teaching students how to be experts in the care of the sick. Your smile would never end if you truly knew how many lives you impacted. Not only in the direct education of the nursing students you encountered but the countless lives those nurses cared for. You were a multiplier of love and care. Fair and formidable, but always approachable. I'm thankful to have seen you recently and was able to thank you in person. I am grateful. Eternal rest and smiles for you Doc.

Remi Judice - August 16 at 10:23 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Gary's family. I knew Gary well as a teaching colleague in the College of Nursing, where he left his mark as an excellent and popular instructor. We shared many lunches in the Faculty Lounge and medical mission trips to Mexico, where he regaled us with countless stories about his medical training and practice. He was tireless and conscientious and loved teaching his students. Gary was such an intelligent man, and a wonderful resource for me when I had questions about medical situations. So sorry to hear about his passing, and will keep him and family in my prayers. Anne Broussard

Anne Broussard - August 16 at 09:56 PM



“ Dr. Arnold was one of the best teachers I have ever had in my life. When I was having trouble with class, he spent hours upon hours over the years helping me study and master the material, even study tips he had learned in med school. He was always a guiding force and inspiration for my whole nursing and now NP career. He was so very kind, patient and compassionate. I have missed him and appreciative of what he taught me as a person and a provider. Though Gary was a wonderful teacher, he was an even better friend and man. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I will be praying for all of his family and friends now and in the future. I know how much he meant to me and how much loss I feel. I know that is nothing compared to yours.

Kevin Cox - August 16 at 09:20 PM



“ What an amazing legacy this man leaves behind! How many nursing students were lucky enough to learn the ins and outs of pharmacology from Dr. Arnold. One of my favorite professors, ever! To the family of Dr. Arnold, I hope knowing that he helped shape the lives and careers of so many of our local healthcare professionals brings you some comfort during this most difficult time. Rest in eternal peace, Dr. Arnold.
Aimee DeVillier Delahoussaye, UL Nursing class of 2007

aimee delahoussaye - August 16 at 09:00 PM



“ I only knew Dr. Arnold for a short time as an instructor at USL. He was smart, compassionate and completely approachable. I am not a successful CRNA and owe that in part to him. I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man. April Erickson



April Erickson - August 16 at 08:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary Arnold.



