



James Edwin "Jim" Arnold

April 8, 1935 - July 25, 2022

James Edwin Arnold, "Jim" passed away on July 25, 2022 in Delaware, Ohio. He died at peace and comfortably. He was 87.

Jim was born at home in Post, TX in 1935 to David Earl Arnold and Fredia Orveta Corn Arnold. His brother Alvin Doyle "Sonny" was tragically killed at age 24 when Jim was only 6. Jim's Dad was a laundry delivery driver and his Mom stayed at home.

After graduating Odessa High School in West Texas, Jim graduated McMurray College in Abilene, TX with a degree in history. Jim served six months in the U.S. Army doing basic artillery training with time in the Reserves after that. He liked to point out that Elvis Presley was stationed two barracks away while serving. He went on to take two years of business classes from Southern Methodist University.

He landed a position as a management trainee with Sears Roebuck & Co., which turned into a long career in consumer credit. Promotions within Sears moved the family around

Texas, then to Chicago to join International Credit, working in the Sears Tower. Travel was a big part of his job going to 62 countries in Central & South America, Europe and Africa while logging over 2 million air miles. His job required him to be fluent in Spanish, which got practiced at home a lot. He was part of a team of seven within Sears World Trade that launched the Discover Card in the mid-1980s. He later went on to have a successful consultancy business, James E. Arnold & Associates, helping financial institutions develop credit technology to evaluate consumers' ability to pay for purchases.

He loved golf! He played at the Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson, TX, many public courses in suburban Chicago and loved being a member at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, IL. He and Doris Ann moved to Pinehurst, NC in the late 1990s where they lived along the Magnolia of Pinewild. He was always seeking the round without a bogie and did make a hole-in-one at Pinehurst's #9.

His wife of 51 years, Doris Ann of Odessa, TX, passed in 2010. Jim married Mary Macon in 2014 after these long-time friends discovered their spouses had passed and they wanted to be together.

Jim was active in the community, donating his time to the Symphony and Philharmonic and was active in his church. He was a strong Christian and joins Doris Ann, daughter Elizabeth, son Joseph

and his Odessa family in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife Mary, his son James, and the grandchildren he adored: Maggie, Matthew, Mason and Molly.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edwin "Jim" Arnold*

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“ *Robert and I enjoyed visiting with Jim and Mary after church over brunch here in Pinehurst area. They have been missed since his illness and move to Delaware. We were blessed to have Jim and Mary in our lives. Prayers for your family.*

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