



James J. Arnold

October 21, 2009

James J. Arnold, Jr. of Lebanon passed away on October 21, 2009 at the Hershey Medical Center. He was the son of Doris J. Underkoffler of Lebanon and the late James J. Arnold. Arnold, who attended St. Mary's grade school, Lebanon Catholic High School and the University of Pittsburgh started his career in the Baltimore, MD area in the managerial program of Holiday Inns in 1967. He spent over 10 years managing Holiday Inns not only in the Baltimore area but also in New Haven, CT and running a training program in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. After leaving Holiday Inns, Arnold bought his own club in the downtown Baltimore area for which he is remembered for his ongoing fund raising in the early AIDS research program at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center and local Baltimore educational programs. He is also remembered for his annual involvement in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program where over the years, thousands of new toys were brought into his club for distribution to underprivileged children. After 25 years, Arnold moved back to Lebanon County and resided in Mt. Gretna for 20 years before moving into the city of Lebanon. Arnold was a member of the American Catholic Church and also an associate brother of the Mercy of God religious community and devoted his ministry to the terminally ill. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Theta Chi Fraternity. Surviving in addition to his mother is a brother Dr. Gregory Arnold and wife Beth; a sister, Dr. Eileen Arnold and companion Ellen Lynn, four nieces a great nephew and a great niece. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on

Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. from the Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory 618 E. Main St. Annville. Inurnment will be held in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the AIDS Community Alliance of South Central PA at 401 Division St. Suite 100 Harrisburg, PA 17110, Toys for Tots or a charity of your choice.

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“ My husband and I met Jim when we were looking for a miniature schnauzer puppy. Muffin was the last puppy he was going to have with the mother and father. Not only did we buy Muffin, but Jim was kind enough to be the dog sitter everytime we wanted to go out of town. Muffin was always very happy to be with his "Pappy". Jim also made sure that he sent a card to Muffin every birthday and Christmas and signed it "Pappy." Jim and I kept in touch with each other and I considered him a gentleman and a friend. I am just sorry that we never did get to go out for lunch together.

Jean Rhine - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM