



Robert D. Arnesen, Jr.

February 13, 1950 - September 23, 2020

Robert Donald Arnesen, Jr. of Wellston passed away Wednesday evening, September 23, 2020 at his home. He was 70.

Bob was born February 13, 1950 in Flint, Michigan to Robert Donald and Bonnie Jean (Black) Arnesen, Sr. and they preceded him in death.

Bob graduated from Bentley High School in 1968 and joined the United States Army. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1970. Bob attended Mott Community College and later began his career at James Lumber Company. He retired as general manager in 2007 after 37 years. In 2008 Bob started working with SGI retiring from there in 2014. Bob enjoyed work and loved the friendships he was able to form while working. He began working at age seven buying and selling candy to the neighborhood kids and was never without a job until his retirement.

In 2012 Bob built a house in Wellston as their retirement home and in 2015 Bob and Beverly moved, north to enjoy that home full time. Later in 2017 they joined Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene. Bob thoroughly enjoyed the snow and the wild life that living in Wellston had to offer. He loved to hunt and fish and was especially happy when he was able to do so with his children. Bob also enjoyed traveling all over North America, Belgium and Canada.

The greatest joy in Bob's life was his family. He served on the Flushing School Board from 1997-2001. Bob was a constant supporter of his children's athletics and later his grandchildren as well.

One of his favorite quotes was, "If you are born once you must die twice. If you are born twice you only die once." Dr. David Jeremiah.

On August 25, 1973 at Davison Baptist Church he married Beverly Jean Shearer and she survives him along with their children: Amanda (Richard) Lauth of Grosse Ile, Sam (Ziba) Arnesen of Goodrich, Jordan Arnesen of New Hampshire; grandchildren: Rachel, Alyssa, Abbi Lauth and Alba, Quyn Zia Arnesen; siblings: Kevin (Debbie) Arnesen of Cygnet, Ohio, Kim Arnesen of Burton. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Al Arnesen.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Brian Farmer officiating. His final resting place will be Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan where full military rites will be given at 10:00 AM Thursday, October 8, 2020.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice Cadillac or to Homes for Troops. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Bob was a great guy and always kind to me when I would visit their home, as a friend of Sam and Amanda. He was the first 'celebrity' that I met as I had seen him in tv commercials:)

Their home was always warm and welcoming, certainly Bob will be missed and I wish the entire family well.

Perry Belcher - December 26, 2020 at 05:23 PM

FM

“ May you have memories for comfort, friends for support and faith to ease your sadness.

Farhad & Kati Mojtahedi - October 09, 2020 at 03:18 AM

MK

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Arnesen family. Bob was one of the toughest yet gentlest people I have ever known. He had a quick wit with a great smile and laugh to match. He helped me to always see the lighter brighter side to what I thought were dire situations. We had great experiences together and he taught me the meaning of being a gentleman. RIP Bob.

Mike and Sue Kruszka - September 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

NS

“ My sincere condolences to the Arnesen family. Peace to your hearts.
I certainly remember Bob's support of Flushing Ski Team and FHS Athletic Boosters. He always brought the enthusiasm!

Norma Skoglund - September 28, 2020 at 08:42 PM

JK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. We considered Bob a good friend. John, and Bob enjoyed many good times together at Duffys. John has great memories with Bob. He will be missed by many.

John and Kathy Kanera - September 28, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ Bev,
I'm so sad to hear of Bob's passing. Sure am glad he is heaven, I will get to see him again. I will keep you in my prayers.

Darlene and David Brooks - September 28, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JS

“ We offer you and the whole family our Christian condolences in the death of Bob. We are so grateful to him because, like a true, good father, he took care of our children Lieve and Kristien during the year they stayed in Michigan. We were looking forward to meet him again a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, this visit could not take place due to Covid.
In our minds we will be present at the memorial ceremony on October 10.
We wish you, Amanda, Richard, Sam, Ziba and Jorden and also your grandchildren Rachel, Alyssa, Abbi, Alba and Quyn Zia much strength in these sad days.
We hope that next year we can pray for him, together with you, at his final resting place.

Jan en Christiane Smans-Rombouts - September 28, 2020 at 06:13 AM

AS

“ *Thinking of you all.*

Amy Strait - September 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ *I worked with Bob at James Lumber. He was a force of nature. Sorry to hear of his passing. Sympathies to his family.*

Michele M Smith - September 27, 2020 at 07:27 AM

RK

“ *We share your sorrow. We have lost a special man too soon. Bob was loving, caring, generous, kind and had a great sense of humor. We are thinking of you and praying for you all. Bless you. Ron & Beckie*

Ron & Beckie King - September 27, 2020 at 06:25 AM

CK

“ *I fondly remember Bob from his James Lumber days. He was well a well respected hard working man. My condolences to the family.*

Curt Koth - September 26, 2020 at 11:24 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Bob was a friendly guy and very kind to our family. Our three children being the same ages as yours, were at your house often and we always appreciated the way Bob and Bev looked after them. Many good memories stay with me, and I always look and reminisce each time I drive past your old house on Mt Morris Road.*

John Sigulinsky - September 26, 2020 at 06:35 AM

RB

“ So sad to hear Bob passed. We will hold his friendship in our hearts, and his memories of being a good man, husband and father. Our Love and thoughts are with you all.

Robin Byrski - September 26, 2020 at 04:08 AM

BH

“ Rest in peace Bob. My prayers to Kevin and the family.

Blair Harrington - September 25, 2020 at 11:08 PM

DO

“ Forever in our hearts dear friend. Wishing you love, peace, and blessings.

David & Sherrie Obradovich - September 25, 2020 at 03:46 PM

MK

“ To the Arnesen family I am so sorry for your loss. I knew bob going back to early 70's. From James lumber and his dad worked at Knickerbocker olds. A nice man, he will be missed. Mike Knickerbocker Hudson Florida.

Mike Knickerbocker - September 25, 2020 at 10:06 AM

KA

“ Well done brother. You did it your way. Save me a good seat.

Kim Arnesen - September 25, 2020 at 10:02 AM

KS

“ Bev,
We are so sad for your loss. Bob was a great guy who will be missed by family and friends.

Kim Brown and Mark Szmigiel - September 25, 2020 at 06:30 AM

VS

“ *My condolences to Bob's family. Bob and I met a few years ago. We were both Vets, from the Flint area and breakfast buddies. He helped me greatly, when I lost my wife in 2018.*

Van L Schliep - September 25, 2020 at 05:33 AM

DF

“ *We always looked forward to family get-togethers with the Arnesens. Arnold and I send our love and prayers and sympathy to the family. And we pray for God to comfort all of you during your time of loss.*

Dorothy L Fletcher - September 24, 2020 at 07:57 PM

FM

“ *Bob will be always missed. Rest In Peace my friend*

Fred Mojtahedi - September 24, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DA

“ *I am thinking about Bob's family and how they will miss him. He was a great American, who served our country. He was a lot of fun to be around. He teased us and we knew he loved us. I will certainly miss him.*

Love to all...Kevin and Debbie and Maddie and Zoe.

Debbie Arnesen - September 24, 2020 at 06:04 PM