



Arnold Ritchie Gilmore

July 13, 1950 - December 2, 2022

Arnold Ritchie Gilmore, 72, passed away December 2, 2022. He was born July 13, 1950 in Sarasota, Florida where he lived for most of his life. He then made his way moving through Myakka City, Wachula, Arcadia then settling in Avon Park.

Arnold served out country in Vietnam in the US army, and later became ASE mechanic. After 30 years of being a mechanic at the sheriff and fire department he retired from the City of Sarasota. He enjoyed flying his planes, hanging out with his friends at the hanger. He was devoted to his family including his dog Rudy that went everywhere with him.

Left to cherish his memory are his former wife, Cynthia Gilmore Mertes; children, Linda Denise Nelson and her husband Johnny; Gary Gilmore and his wife Crystal; Eric Gilmore; and Heather Colon and her husband Jorge; grandchildren, Jason Nelson and his wife Michelle; Keith Norris and his wife Alexandra; Ashley Bodden and her husband Omar; Arianna Nelson; Mason, Emma, Cameron, Kendall, Maxton and Ellie Gilmore; Jacob and Alexis Kinney; great grandchildren, Landen, Lillianna Bodden; Annalise Yvonne Mateo; siblings, David Hellyer; Yvonne Franklin; and Michael Gilmore and his wife Kathy; many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Arnold was preceded in death by his brothers Bill Gilmore and Donald Hellyer.

Service with military honors and interment will be on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 10:00 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72 (Clark Road), Sarasota, Florida 34241.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WF

“ *Williams, Penia, Beaber Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arnold Ritchie Gilmore.*



Williams, Penia, Beaber Families - January 05, 2023 at 02:09 PM

CI

“ *My Dad, Chuck Inderwiesen and myself, Charlie Inderwiesen knew Arnie through the years, first from Dave and Roxie's fly in in Myakka to him working on his plane at the Myakka Head Airstrip. He even gave me a pair of yellow riding glasses one night at Charollets Web. He was a great person to be around and he will be greatly missed.*

Charlie Inderwiesen - January 04, 2023 at 10:33 PM

GS

I met Arnie 10 or so years ago . We became friends and when he found out I had cancer he told me he would be sorry to see me go. Little did we know that little did we know. I did not think I would be writing this. Rest easy my friend.

Graham Simms ♦♦♦♦ - January 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM

CW

“ *I have known Arnie most of my life he was my father's best friend growing up he was amazing person with the gray heart I remember him showing me his plane he sure enjoyed doing mechanics he always told me great memories as a childhood and growing up wise. You will definitely be missed give my dad a hug for me while you're up there I'm sure you're up there gossiping about what happened down here you're no longer in pain and you're watching all over your friends and family*

Crystal Williams - December 18, 2022 at 12:31 PM

LS

I first met Arnie through a mutual friend Rick Berstling. I found out that Arnie had the plane that Rick owned. I fell in love with that airplane the very first moment I layed my eyes on it back in 1997 in Lakeland, Fla. Come to find out it was Arnie that did such a great job in constructing the aircraft. Well I bought it and have it to this day and I will always remember Arnie when flying it. What a great guy for sure, a gentle giant. Arnie will be sorely missed.

Lloyd Sells - December 21, 2022 at 07:15 PM

EL

If Arnie was your friend you had a friend forever. I met Arnie in 2007 when he lived at the end of my road. I was out walking my pet "wild" pig down the road. He stopped as he was driving by and said "when's the barbecue ". Of course not knowing him and for the love of my "Pumpkin " I shot him a look that could kill. He immediately said he was just kidding and we both laughed. And as it is said the rest is history. Arnie became one of the best friends I ever had. He was always there to help me and make me laugh. We did a lot of things together. I thank God for the privilege of calling Arnie my friend. His love for his family and friends was immense. I will miss his laugh and his jokes. But mostly I will miss the wonderful friend he was. Till we meet again Arnie. I love you.....

Elizabeth - December 21, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DE

“ *Always will remember how he made me laugh at his silliness. Debbie*

Debbie - December 16, 2022 at 07:40 PM

DD

I worked with Arnie at the City garage and sadly lost contact with him when we transferred to other jobs. He will be greatly missed. RIP friend.

Dave Deyo - January 14, 2023 at 09:26 AM