



## Arnold Pritt

October 14, 1943 - December 26, 2022

Arnold “Arnie” Lee Pritt, 79, of Monrovia, completed his earthly journey, entering the gates of Heaven in the early morning hours of Monday, December 26, 2022, while in the comfort of his home. He was born in Burnwell, West Virginia on October 14, 1943, to the late Joseph W. and Sarah E. (Kinley) Pritt.

One of eleven children, Arnold spent his youth in the rustic hills and hollers of West Virginia. A graduate from East Bank High School with the class of 1961, it was there he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Ruth. While out one night at the local teenage hangout playing pinball, Ruth took the initiative asking him to walk her home. After graduation, Arnold proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, dedicating three years of service. On October 19, 1963, Arnold and Ruth were united in marriage, spending the next 59 years together. He secured employment with Rolls Royce as a talented electrician, later taking early retirement after 26 years of faithful service.

Originally settling in Indianapolis, the family moved around for a time before being given the opportunity to leave the hustle and bustle of city life, purchasing their forever home on 8 acres in the quiet rural life of Morgan County. In his free time, Arnold enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, strumming his guitar, and playing games. A devout member of the Poplar

Grove United Methodist Church, he was also a Freemason.

Well respected and hardworking, Arnie was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. A hands-on dad, he was actively involved in his children's life, passing on his abilities to fix anything (If he couldn't fix it, it can't be fixed), while pushing them to be the best they could be. A loving and caring husband, he was a good provider, ensuring Ruth was able to stay home with the kids. In his later years, he found his joy with his beloved grandkids, taking them on wagon rides around the property. Fun spirited and with a sometimes-goofy sense of humor, Arnold left a lasting legacy that will be remembered for generations to come.

Along with his parents, Arnold was preceded in death by his siblings, John Pritt, Lenora Weaver, Judy Butler, Marilyn Dover, Joseph Pritt, and Terry Pritt.

He leaves behind his wife, Ruth Ann (Perry) Pritt of Monrovia; children, Deanna Lynn Harris (Kevin) of Monrovia, Michael Lee Pritt (Jennifer) of New Palestine, and Sheryl Denise Smith (Bill) of Cloverdale; sisters, Betty Parker of Columbus, Mary Eaton of Monrovia, Sandy Gibson of Plainfield, and Sherry Sadler of Charleston, WV; along with 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Cremation and Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather on Friday, December 30, 2022, from 2pm to 6pm at the funeral home. A Celebration of Life Service, along with Masonic Rites, will begin promptly at 6pm, Pastor Mark Boardman will officiate, and services will be livestreamed on Light Memorial's Facebook page. Arnold will be inurned on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 1pm in Crown Hill National Cemetery, with full Military Honors.. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in his memory, please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill National Cemetery

725 W 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Previous Events

## Friends & Family Gathering

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 30. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Inurnment (Burial of Ashes)

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MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Crown Hill National Cemetery  
725 W 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Tribute Wall



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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December 30, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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December 29, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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December 29, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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December 29, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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December 29, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Uncle Arnold was always fun when he visited. He always paid me well for giving my room up for him and aunt Ruthie to stay in. He taught me to love peanut butter in my oats, and gave me my first chewing tobacco because he double dog dared me lol. Trips to IN as a kid was always fun, playing in woods, mower rides, and fishing in the pond. Thankful his pain and suffering is over and we will meet again!*

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**Courtney Carroll** - December 28, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *The Wilsons & The Stewarts purchased the Sere ne Retreat for the family of Arnold Pritt.*



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**The Wilsons & The Stewarts** - December 28, 2022 at 05:28 PM

BB

“ I meet Arnold at my sisters many years ago he's my sisters brother inlaw . From the first time I met him & Ruthie they acted as if knew me for ever . Both was so very nice.

You could not asked for better friends . When they came into WV to visit his family I always made sure to see them and say hi , & see how they been doing . I would always joke around & say i have to go see my handsome BF Aronald (haa haa)

Heaven has definitely gained a great man & I will sure miss seeing him. But I know one day we will meet again . Rest in peace  
ARNOLD (Bf)

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**Barb Bill** - December 28, 2022 at 02:37 PM

SH

I was always at the Pritt family home in Crown Hill because Sherry and I were best friends growing up. I remember so well when Arnold Lee and Ruthie would come in to visit. He was always smiling and I'll never forget how nice a person he was. Rest easy. Love & prayers to his family and friends.

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**Sharon Hudnall** - December 28, 2022 at 05:49 PM

BP

I think of All my brother in laws, this has hit my the. Hardest.my heart is broken 💔, I loved Arnold like he was a uncle, more then a brother in law. He was always fun to be around & the kind of person you could trust. One of my favorite places to go for vacations & Ronnie too cause it was cheap lol 😂.

We always enjoyed just sitting at the house in the evening on the porch with the kids playing or at the pond,In the pool or where ever, it was always THE BEST!

Love you Ruthie, hope you come this Summer & hang out on my porch! 💜 We Love You 😊

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**Betty Perry** - December 28, 2022 at 07:43 PM

NB

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Growing up as a neighbor to the Pritts was an honor. Fine people. I know he will be missed. 🙏

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**Nancy Berry** - December 28, 2022 at 10:42 PM

CC

*Uncle Arnold was always fun when he visited. He always paid me well for giving my room up for him and aunt Ruthie to stay in. He taught me to love peanut butter in my oats, and gave me my first chewing tobacco because he double dog dared me lol. Trips to IN as a kid was always fun, playing in woods, mower rides, and fishing in the pond. Thankful his pain and suffering is over and we will meet again!*

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**Courtney Carroll** - December 28, 2022 at 10:46 PM

LR

*Arnold and I were born about 1 month apart. My earliest memories was him as my best friend at a very early age. He remained my most treasured friend for life. I still have the scar on my finger from the time he and I became "blood brothers" at about 6 years old. My first fight was when Arnold and I both wanted to ride the girls tricycle who lived next door. He gave me a bloody nose and a quick run home. We lived 2 houses apart in Whitaker and spent almost every hour together playing , fishing ,swimming in Paint Creek and some time even smoking "stick weeds", if any of you know about that. During high school days we were together a lot. We spent many hours on the river at Crown Hill fishing, swimming, and chasing paddlewheel boats going down the river to catch the waves in an old homemade tin boat. After dark we would build a fire and sit around chewing tobacco, telling lies and telling off color jokes. Nobody could tell a joke and make me laugh like Onge. By the way I called him Onge all our lives. It come from the summer months when our fathers (Joe and my father were brothers) would cut our hair on the back porch of our houses. Uncle Joe cut Onge's hair so short he got the nickname of "Onion head"..After a period of time it was shortened to "Onge"*

*After high school we drifted in different directions, but always remained very close. In our later years we got back together and really enjoyed our limited times together. You can probably tell my heart is broken to lose my BEST FRIEND FOR LIFE>*

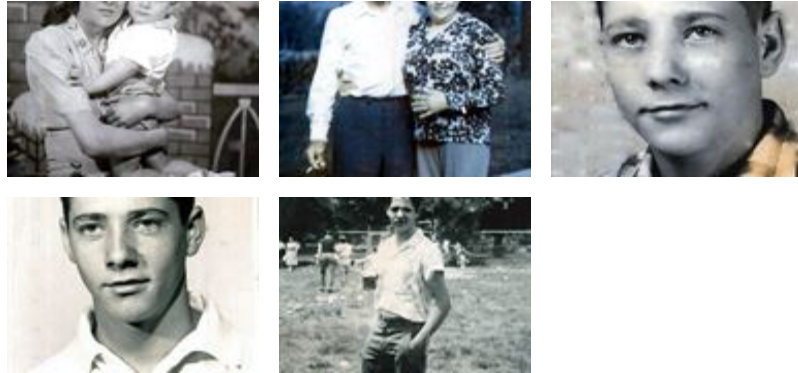
*Cousin Jim Pritt*

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**Lt. Col Jimmie M. .Pritt, USAF, RET** - December 30, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 28, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.



December 28, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Arnold Pritt.



December 26, 2022 at 10:42 PM