



Max E Arnold

April 24, 1937 - January 28, 2015

Max E. Arnold, 77 of Bluffton passed away on Wednesday morning at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

Max was born on April 24, 1937 in Wells County, Indiana to Luster H. & Gertrude (Reece) Arnold. He graduated from East Rockcreek High School in 1955, where he played on the basketball and baseball teams. He started his 40+ years involvement in the Wells County 4-H Programs, and passed on his passion for cattle to his children, grandchildren and many friends.

On August 10, 1978 in Miami, OK, Max and Shirley A. (Fear) Arnold were married. Shirley survives in Bluffton along with children: Tim (Deb) Arnold of Berne, IN, Marilyn (Barry) Buckland of Huntington, IN., Tami (Tom) Sealscott of Monroeville, IN., Mary Jo Johnson, Dave (Julie) Penrod, Randy (Linda) Penrod all of Bluffton and Keith (Jenina) Penrod of Broken Arrow, OK. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren and a brother Harold (Marge) Arnold of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents along with two brothers Bob & Dale Arnold and a sister Marge Dalrymple.

Calling hours will be held from 1 to 7 on Sunday (February 1, 2015) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, Indiana. Funeral Services will take place at 10:30 on Monday (February 2, 2015) at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service. Jeff Lemler will officiate. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, Indiana. Memorials may be made in Max's memory to the Wells County 4-H Association through the

funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Max E Arnold*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 01, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Max E Arnold*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the family, You have our sympathy and will be in our prayers. Ed & Celia Dunmoyer*

Ed & Celia Dunmoyer - February 05, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *Shirley and family, Thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead. God bless. Doris Ann, Stan and Valerie Wilson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - February 03, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ *Thinking of your family...Erin Kreigh*

Erin Kreigh - February 01, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ Although it's been quite a few years since I last saw Max, I have many fond memories. Most of which involve cattle and the 4-H fair. Max was a huge influence and mentor to me in my involvement with showing livestock. I'll never forget his "talks" at the fair. He didn't sugar coat it, he told you like it was and always ended with a hug or pat on the back and that famous smile! I know some of those talks had a lot to do with me becoming the person I am today. I am Blessed to have known Max and Shirley and their family. May God Bless you all during this time and take comfort in knowing that Max is in that big pasture in the sky, grinning from ear to ear. Sending my Sympathies from Nebraska. Nancy Huffman-Wiese

Nancy Huffman Wiese - February 01, 2015 at 05:54 PM

JG

“ Marilyn, I am so sorry about the loss of your father. With the weather on sunday i could not come to funeral home, i am sorry, but know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Jeanette Goeglein - February 01, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BC

“ What a great Man I remember Max way back when I played Independent Basketball with him for Bummie's! What a great competitor and class act! We will miss him Dearly! God Bless u Shirley and Family! Peace and Grace Barry and JoEllen Crosbie!



Barry Crosbie - February 01, 2015 at 04:10 PM

AB

“ I'll never forget Max. He was a great man and taught me so much about 4-H cattle. His family is in my prayers.

Angela (Huseman) Bohne - February 01, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Max E Arnold.*



February 01, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ *61 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 31, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ *Max and all of the Arnolds were neighbors - the best kind - from when I was born until Max moved off the farm. Special memories of all and so glad to have met Shirley. Our sympathy to all. Jean Ann & Martha*

Jean Pettigrew - January 31, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ *Max helped me and my dad pick out my first set of show pigs and got us into showing cows. He was such an influence on me as a young man and no doubt has impacted my life for the better. You will be missed Uncle Max!*

Ryan Millett - January 30, 2015 at 08:48 PM

AB

“ *Angie Brindle-Decker lit a candle in memory of Max E Arnold*



Angie Brindle-Decker - January 30, 2015 at 03:16 PM

AB

My thoughts and prayer go out to the family of Max today and the days to come. I have many memories of him while growing up and as an adult in 4H. He and my dad were great friends and spent many days playing cards.

Angie Brindle-Decker - January 30, 2015 at 03:22 PM

LN

“ *I've known Max for years. A great man. My condolences to the family.*

Larry Newhard

Larry Newhard - January 30, 2015 at 01:53 PM

RK

“ *Max was quite a sharpshooter for our 1955 basketball team. During high school four or five BB players were together about every night either @ BB practice or enjoying cards, girls, & movies in Bluffton & Ft Wayne. Great fun to be with Max & friends during our high school years @ Rockcreek. So sad to see the news of his death. Our thoughts & Prayers are with Max' s family.*

Roger Kinsey - January 30, 2015 at 01:20 PM

YF

“ *Your Davita Family purchased the Silver Season Bouquet for the family of Max E Arnold.*



Your Davita Family - January 30, 2015 at 11:49 AM

NA

“ *One of my favorite memories of my grandpa was when I told him as a small child he should chew with his mouth shut, a lesson my mom was drilling into me at that time, and he looked at me and said "you're right I should". He didn't get mad at me or my mom. Didn't say I was being rude or disrespectful. He acknowledged the lesson I was learning and took the time to act on it himself and be a good example. I will always cherish that memory and try to do the same with my own children. Love you grandpa... you will be missed!*

Nikky Affolder-Walker - January 30, 2015 at 10:45 AM

BB

“ Max was a great brother-in-law....always had a story to tell....advice to give....and forever good for a laugh. Always cared and asked about our boys. He was a great son-in-law to our Mom....alway took special care to talk with her. And last but not least he cared and dearly loved Shirley. He will be sadly missed by our family.



Love,

Chuck & Bonnie Brooks

Bonnie Brooks - January 30, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ My grandpa Max was one of the greatest men I have ever known. He taught me lessons on the farm that I have carried all my life. He helped make me the man I am today. I will miss our conversations about politics and IU. Most of all I will miss hearing "bus is leaving" as he was waking me up to take me to the Cowboy with him for breakfast. You will always be with me Grandpa!

Paul Gilliam - January 29, 2015 at 10:00 PM

JG

“ Shirley, I am thinking of you at this time.....God bless you.

Joan Garrison - January 29, 2015 at 01:42 PM

MM

“ *Mark And Mitzi Millett lit a candle in memory of Max E Arnold*



Mark and Mitzi Millett - January 29, 2015 at 12:24 PM

MM

Mark will truly miss Max riding with him they shared many fun trips

Mark and Mitzi Millett - January 29, 2015 at 12:25 PM

PW

“ *"You've GOT to have a plan." Our family has taken that advice for 35 years. Thank you, Max!*

Patti Wilson - January 29, 2015 at 09:01 AM

RG

I think Max was the one that made the the famous "age and experience" term infamous. I use it quite often.

There are so many good memories I have of Max and feel blessed that he was a part of my childhood and javascript:void(0);showing calves.

Robyn Goddard - January 30, 2015 at 02:02 PM

PW

“ *Patti Wilson purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket for the family of Max E Arnold.*



Patti Wilson - January 29, 2015 at 08:59 AM

JB

“ I'll always remember many a Christmas at Max and Shirley's house when I was a kid. Max always made it a point to talk to me and my brother did so with a smile on his face. He would even go downstairs and turn on the pinball machine for us. He will be missed.

Jason Brooks - January 29, 2015 at 08:39 AM

RC

“ "Age and Experience" tells me you are walking the greatest pastures of all. Godspeed my friend. Rod and Brenda Clamme



Rod Clamme - January 29, 2015 at 06:51 AM

DM

“ Dale & Marie lit a candle in memory of Max E Arnold



Dale & Marie - January 28, 2015 at 10:21 PM

RH

Shirley and family so sorry to hear of Max passing always a friend

Rosalee Hockenberry - February 02, 2015 at 09:46 AM

DD

So sorry for all of you.....Max was a great guy. I had not seen him for a few years, but my memory will always be that he was one of those people whom you always enjoyed talking to. Always a good word, always a smile and always a laugh. He had the kind of personality that will be missed by many.

Doug Durr

douglas Durr - February 02, 2015 at 08:25 PM