



## Arnold W. Gruning, Jr.

July 10, 1932 - December 15, 2014

Arnold W. Gruning, Jr., 82, born July 10, 1932 passed away peacefully with his family surrounding him on December 15, 2014 in Tallahassee, FL. Arnold is survived by his beloved wife Mary (nee Sutton) of over 60 years and their three daughters Karen McCurley (Dave), Denise Harrell, MaryAnn Foy (Joel); five grandchildren Colleen Putnam (Brent), Jason McCurley (Elke), Clinton McCurley, Joshua Harrell, Shelby Foy and Austin Foy and two great grandchildren Justin Putnam and Brittany Putnam. He is also survived by his sister Catherine Malloy (Rick) of Mt. Ephraim, N. J., and a host of nieces and nephews who fondly knew him as "Uncle Sonny". He is predeceased by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Arnold (nickname Arnie) was born in Camden, N.J., and moved to South Florida in 1967. He was a retired master plumber from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union #719 of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He was also a local member of the Loyal Order of Moose, American Legion and VFW Post 3308 where he served as Commander from 2003 to 2005. He received a Purple Heart while serving his country in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Tallahassee Chapter 758.

Arnold loved and was very proud of his family his country and his plumbing career, he frequently lobbied for fellow veterans and volunteered throughout the community. The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations in Arnold's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society (P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718) or Big Bend Hospice (1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308). Elizabeth Chambers of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Mary,  
We were so very sorry to hear about Arnie's passing. I enjoyed watching you dancing together at the VFW. You both have been so special to Daddy. Take care of yourself and keep in touch.  
With Love, Emory Elkins and Sandy Maxwell

Sandy Maxwell - December 18, 2014 at 04:23 PM

LJ

“ Maryann,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Know that we are thinking of you and your family at this time.

Love Yall,  
Collin & Lisa Johnson

Lisa Johnson - December 18, 2014 at 10:49 AM

SB

“ Susan Fish Birgl lit a candle in memory of Arnold W. Gruning, Jr.



Susan Fish Birgl - December 17, 2014 at 02:49 PM



He was indeed a good and funny man, we had good times so long ago, my heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Mary and his family. Thank you for your service to the United States of America. <3

Betty Garcia - December 17, 2014 at 09:20 PM

SB

“ A very kind man is my memory of Uncle Sonny and he also had the nicest smile.

*My sincere gratitude to him and his family for the sacrifices made in his service to our country.*

*Rest in Peace 🇺🇸*

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**Susan "Fish" Birgl** - December 17, 2014 at 02:42 PM

HW

“ I loved watching them dance. .... wow they could dance.

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**Helen Wiggins** - December 17, 2014 at 12:03 PM



“ Uncle Sonny was a kind, sweet, & loving man! He not only loved his family, but he loved his country as well! I am blessed that I was able to meet him & spend time talking to him at the family reunions! What I loved most about Uncle Sonny is that he always had a smile on his face & what a beautiful smile it was! I will miss that smile! We will all meet again someday, till then RIP! <3

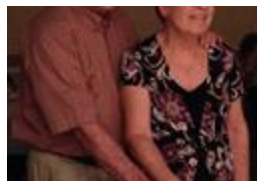


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**Kimberly Lawrence** - December 17, 2014 at 11:40 AM

TB

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**Trish Van Buskirk** - December 17, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *Uncle Sonny, I will always remember the fun our families had together. You will be greatly missed. Thank you for your service to our country and for you and Aunt Mary for standing up for my parents at their wedding. The bond that you had with my mother was something that most friends never have. I love you.*

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**Regina Ramirez** - December 17, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ *Uncle Sonny will always be remember by his big smile and kind heart. He was so dedicated to his family and country. We have lost an amazing man. Till we meet again.*



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**Jill Franceschini** - December 17, 2014 at 09:56 AM

KP

“ *Arnie had a smile that warmed your heart. I pray for him, his family and friends - that his smile will remain in our hearts forever. God bless you, all and peace be with you.*  
*I am thinking of you,*  
*Kim Pidermann*

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**Kim Pidermann** - December 17, 2014 at 09:26 AM