



## Harry Kent Arnold

November 19, 1937 - June 12, 2026

Harry Kent Arnold passed away peacefully on June 12, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Harry was born on November 19, 1937, in Cynthiana, Kentucky to Clarence Langley Arnold and Mary B. Larison Arnold. He moved with his mother to Tallahassee in 1941.

Harry attended Caroline Brevard Elementary School and Leon High School, graduating in 1956. He was active in football and other sports and played as a member of the 1954 “Polio Team” where, even though no Leon players came down with polio, opposing teams cancelled scheduled games due to the epidemic in Tallahassee. At the end of the season, the Leon Lions played four make-up games in ten days, ending the season with a 6-1-1 record.

He started his entrepreneurial career as a young boy, selling The Tallahassee Democrat and boiled peanuts on the corner of Monroe Street and College Avenue by Bennett’s Drugstore in downtown Tallahassee.

After graduating from Leon, he started working for General Office Equipment Company as a delivery/stockroom employee, working his way up to office supply salesman. In 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Lee Lee Cobb, and they had their two children, Kent and Patti. In 1962, he joined Checkmark Office Supply Company as a partner and sales manager. In 1971, Harry opened Executive Office Supply Company. In 1976 he opened

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He later married Linda McCants Barwick. In the 1980's, Harry and Linda moved to St. George Island (SGI). He started several businesses on SGI, including The Happy Pelican restaurant, Harry A's bar, and Fisherman's Headquarters. He was President of SGI Charity Chili Cookoff and auctioneer for 20 years, President of SGI Civic Center, Director of SGI Volunteer Fire Department and designated SGI Man of the Year.

Harry and Linda moved to Apalachicola around 2000 and opened The Tin Shed Nautical & Antiques, LinLea's, H & L Rentals and Harry's House of Pain fitness center. He was past Director of the Florida Seafood Festival in Apalachicola, active in the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, Mainstreet, and other civic organizations. He was named Person of the Year in Apalachicola in 2017.

Harry served six years in the Florida National Guard and was a Golden Chief supporter of FSU. Harry enjoyed hunting, deep sea fishing, boating, traveling, and sports cars! He and Linda enjoyed their travels all over the country shopping for The Tin Shed and LinLea's. Harry and his beloved yellow Lab and constant companion, Baylea, were a fixture in Apalachicola cruising about town in his steer-horned golf cart.

Harry was predeceased by his parents, his wife Linda McCants Arnold, his brothers Gene and Johnny Powell, and his sister Margaret Ann Powell Pichard. He is survived by children: Kent Arnold (wife Lisa) and Patti Lee Arnold Phillips (husband Matt); stepchildren: Jenni Barwick Morgan and Jon Barwick; by his grandchildren: Dylan Kent Arnold, Kyle and Lauren Lee Phillips; his step grandchildren: Meagan Morgan Bridges, Kamron Barwick, Travis Millender, Priscilla, Miranda (Innes), Trey and Lindsay Fournoy; 10 great-grandchildren, and by his former wife and good friend, Lee Lee Arnold.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Tallahassee at Bevis Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Apalachicola Yacht Club, 170 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Big Bend Hospice of Gadsden & Liberty Counties or a charity of your choice in Harry's memory.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Upcoming Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Celebration of Life

JUL **11**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Apalachicola Yacht Club  
170 Water Street  
Apalachicola, FL 32320