



Joseph Wurtz Arnett, Jr.

October 23, 1926 - January 29, 2019

Joseph “Joe” Wurtz Arnett, Jr. passed away on January 29, 2019, at the age of 92. He was born in Bay City, Michigan October 23, 1926, graduated from Bay City Central High School and entered into the Navy during WWII. Joe extended his service to become a 2nd Class Petty Officer to assist with the atomic bomb testing at Bikini Atoll.

An Engineer, PA, Joe attended General Motors (GM) Institute, took a job with its division, Saginaw Steering Gear, and held 21 patents with the company. He designed amazing extrusion machinery, moved to Tallahassee, FL, and opened Quincy Fibers in Greensboro, FL.

Joe met Jo Anne at church where he was active as a Sunday school teacher and member of the vestry. Children were drawn to him because, as a cookie lover, Joe knew where every stash was hidden! Joe and Jo Anne married February 9, 1980.

Joe trained forensic engineers at Benedict Engineering and served as a grader for Florida’s engineering exams. He and his colleague, Van Calhoun directed Engineering Investigations which Joe maintained until his retirement. Joe pursued his lifelong interest in the Civil War to include authoring historical fiction that followed the path of his grandfather’s unit. He was intelligent, excelled in storytelling, and maintained a keen sense of humor until the end. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Jo Anne: her children Kelly Anne and James Miller Cox and their children; Kiersten, Sydney (Mauricio), Jack, Grant (Natalie), and Brooke. He is also survived by Jo Anne’s brother, Miller (Toni)

Couse and Joe's daughter Linda Smith (Dennis); and her children: Heather, Meghan, Erica, and Kim.

A celebration of his life will be held at All Saints Anglican Church on Saturday, February 9, at 11:00am. Interment will be held at Tallahassee National Cemetery.

***In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tallahassee Christian College & Training Center (Tcctc.org), All Saints Anglican Church or Big Bend hospice.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember with fondness the early days of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship with Pete Wait and Joe Arnett. What a joy it was to serve with these two Christian men. Joe was so faithful with the finances. He took care of them without us having to give them a second thought. This picture is definitely the Joe that I remembered. Jo Anne your faithful friendship has left beautiful memories. Joe, we will join you shortly around our Savior's feet.

J. Harold Thurmond (Janie too)

J. Harold Thurmond - February 05, 2019 at 07:37 AM

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“ To the Arnett family, I am very sorry to read of your recent loss my condolences ! Please find comfort in our loving heavenly father's promise Acts17:27he is not far off each of us Jerm29:10,11)

Regina Neil - January 30, 2019 at 12:20 PM