



Lyle J. Arends

February 23, 1942 - March 21, 2017

Lyle J. Arends, 75, of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family at his side. He was born on February 23, 1942, in Watseka, to Edith and Lavon Arends. He married Sheila Steyer on August 8, 1964 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Lyle was a 1960 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as a Sergeant from 1960 until 1963. He attended Olivet Nazarene University and graduated with a bachelor's degree and MBA from Governor's State University. Lyle worked for 32 years for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, retiring in 2000 as Regional Manager. He was a lector and Eucharistic minister for over 40 years at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. His hobbies included golfing, reading, spending winters in Florida, and spending time with his friends and family. He loved the outdoors, and was known for riding his John Deere lawn mower with a Pepsi in hand.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Sheila Arends, of Kankakee; children, Troy (Vickie) Arends, of Tuscola, Lisa (Scott) Stetson, of Kankakee, and Chad (Becky) Arends, of Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Zach Stetson (Jessica Spoon), Alexi Stetson (Ty Weber), Luke Stetson, Caleb, Taylor, and Kamryn Arends, Alyssa Black; and one great grandson, Tanner Weber.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the 11:00 am funeral mass on Friday, March 24, 2017 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the family for St. Jude Pediatric Cancer Research.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Lyle , we all have fond memories of him and your family, sweet neighbors... you are in my prayers.
Dana Loring(LeDuke)

Dana Loring - March 25, 2017 at 07:58 PM

JB

“ I WORKED FOR IDES FOR 32 YEARS. LYLE WAS EITHER MY MANAGER OR REGIONAL MANAGER FOR ALMOST 3/4TH'S OF THOSE YEARS. FROM THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM WE SEEMED TO HIT IT OFF RIGHT AWAY. HE CALLED ME "POLAK" AND I CALLED HIM " A LITTLE SHIT" THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAD MANY MANY GOOD TIMES, TO NUMEROUS TO MENTION AND THERE WERE TIMES WE DID NOT SEE EYE TO EYE AT ALL. DURING THOSE TIMES I WOULD NOT TALK TO HIM AND I WOULD AVOID HIM AT ALL COSTS FOR FEAR OF WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF MY MOUTH, WHILE HE ON THE OTHER HAND DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO MESS WITH ME SO I WOULD START TALKING TO HIM AGAIN. IT WAS ALWAYS A GAME OF WILLS AND WE WERE BOTH AS STUBBORN AS HELL. THIS MAN TAUGHT ME SO VERY MUCH ABOUT MY JOB. HE CHALLENGED ME TO LEARN THIS OR THAT ON MY OWN AND I DID SO, JUST TO PROVE TO HIM I COULD. HE ALSO TAUGHT ME ALOT ABOUT LIFE TO. HE WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH HIS OPINIONS, BUT YET HE WAS LIKE AN OLD SWEET GRANDPA IF THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU NEEDED TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT WHETHER WORK RELATED OR PERSONAL. HE ALWAYS HAD TIME FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDED IT. HE WAS A VERY HARD WORKER AND HE EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM HIS STAFF. A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO SHELIA AND THE LITTLE SHIT AND I HOOKED UP ON FACEBOOK AGAIN, AND IT WAS AS THOUGH THE YEARS HAD NOT PASSED. HIS FIRST WORDS TO ME WAS " HEY POLAK, HOW THE HELL HAVE YA BEEN!" I WILL MISS THE LITTLE SHIT BIG TIME, BUT WILL TREASURE ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES I HAVE OF HIM. MY SYMPATHIES TO SHELIA AND FAMILY AT THIS VERY SAD TIME IN YOUR LIFE. BUT HEAVEN HAS GOTTEN ANOTHER ANGEL, ONE THAT I AM SURE IS GOING TO GIVE THEM AS MUCH TROUBLE AS HE CAN!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND BE THANKFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL MAN YOU ALL HAD IN YOUR LIFE AND THE AWESOME MEMORIES YOU WILL HAVE TO SHARE FOREVER.

JUDI BAUTCH - March 24, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ Chad, I am so sorry for your loss!!! My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Marjorie Bettany - March 24, 2017 at 07:49 AM

PH

“ Bill & I are thinking and praying for the whole family.

Paulette a Hartley - March 23, 2017 at 08:52 PM

VD

“ My heart felt prayers for all of Lyle's family. A great guy. He will be missed.



Virginia R Dominick - March 23, 2017 at 09:02 AM