



Arvil G. Starnes

August 21, 1924 - October 27, 2016

Arvil G. Starnes, 92, of Peoria, passed away at 8:36 pm Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 in the Emergency Room at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born Aug. 21, 1924 in Granite Falls, NC, son of Walter and Bulah Miller Starnes.

At the age of 15 he worked at a C.C.C. Camp in North Carolina as a forest ranger. He arrived in Peoria at age 16 with \$8.00 in his pocket and a paper bag with a change of underwear and a toothbrush. On Nov. 29, 1941 at the age of 17 he married Margery A. Adami in Kahoka, MO.

He was drafted into the Army in 1943 during WWII and was sent to Germany. Near the Elms River he was wounded in a mine field by German machine gun fire and was evacuated to Belgium, then Scotland, then to Battle Creek, MI. Discharged after months of recuperation he returned to Peoria and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He worked at Allied Mills in Bartonville, then Nutrena Feed Mill, and Caterpillar Inc. He went to Barber School and barbered for 40 years. During this 40 years he built 5 new houses, and renovated 15. He built Marvil Plaza (now Avanti's). After retiring from barbering he worked at Avanti's for 15 years as maintenance chief.

His favorite pastimes were gardening and giving away tomatoes. He enjoyed country music and telling stories about early Peoria days.

Surviving are 2 sons, Floyd (and Shiela) of Dunlap, Mike (and Neva) of Peoria; 5 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Boyce and Floyd; and 3 sisters, Verna, Sue and Judy. He was

preceded in death by his wife; parents; brother, Hugh; and sister, Pauline. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate or South Side Mission.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Troy Starnes lit a candle in memory of Arvil G. Starnes



Troy Starnes - November 15, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ Sympathies with you at this time. I always enjoyed speaking with Arvil while out walking in the neighborhood. He shared stories of my dad and grandpa who worked at the Mobil station next to Marvil Plaza. When he found out my son loved tomatoes, he made sure we had plenty! I will miss chatting with him and seeing him enjoy the day sitting on his patio!

Monica Shaffer - November 01, 2016 at 11:40 AM

JK

“ Our sympathies are with you at your time of loss. Arvil was a good guy and will be missed by many.

Jim Koehl and Family

Jim Koehl - October 31, 2016 at 11:04 AM

BS

“ I'm so sorry and always will remember you.

Betty (Morris) Schwab

Betty Morris Schwab - October 31, 2016 at 10:57 AM

JA

“ I remember well Arvil sitting on his front porch. Many times when walking in the neighborhood I would stop and chat with him for awhile or if driving by stop to chat with him. I enjoyed hearing about some of the things he had done in Peoria and the houses he had fixed up.

John Allsworth

John Allsworth - October 31, 2016 at 08:11 AM

TP

“ My condolences to your family... I remember my dad taking me to get my haircuts from your grandpa. May he RIP amen

Todd M Powell - October 30, 2016 at 08:04 PM

PR

“ I'm so said to hear of arvil passing.
We had many shared and happy stories with each other. He was a great man, will truly be missed.
Good bless him and his family.
Paul Rambow.

Paul rambow - October 30, 2016 at 07:53 PM

 Shelley
Murphy

“ Shelley Murphy lit a candle in memory of Arvil
G. Starnes



Shelley Murphy - October 30, 2016 at 06:08 PM

DT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Dale and Tinker - October 30, 2016 at 01:01 PM

DK

“ Floyd,
May the good Lord provide comfort for you and family at the loss of
your father.
Don & Kathy Kindilien, The Villages, Florida

Don Kindilien - October 30, 2016 at 10:14 AM

AH

“ Ann Hoover lit a candle in memory of Arvil G.
Starnes



Ann Hoover - October 30, 2016 at 08:24 AM

MD

“ will miss taking boat rides with Arvil & Mike down in Cape Coral.
Our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Michael J Dudley - October 30, 2016 at 07:19 AM