



## William "Bill" L. Arnold

February 28, 1939 - February 22, 2019

William "Bill" L. Arnold, age 79, of DeMotte, IN passed away Friday February 22, 2019 surrounded by his family at VNA Hospice Center of Valparaiso. Bill was born February 28, 1939 in Hammond, Indiana the son of Leonard V. and Mary E. (Miller) Arnold. He attended Hammond public schools, and graduated from Gary Wirt High School, Class of 1957. It was at Gary Wirt where he met his lovely bride of almost 60 years, Margaret "Peggy" Kosky. They were married on June 27, 1959 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gary, IN. Bill worked in the oil refineries of Northwest Indiana for 8 years before joining the Gary, Indiana Police Dept where he worked for 20 years and retired as a Detective Sergeant. Upon retirement, he served as a Court Baliff for the Honorable J. Phillip McGraw and Honorable Patricia Riley in Jasper County, Indiana. He then served as the DeMotte Police Chief for 14 years, retiring in 2005. Bill was an active member at Faith Lutheran Church of DeMotte and a member of the F.O.P., Ben K. Perry Lodge #61, Gary, and proud friend of Bill W. for over 35 years. Bill served and protected his community with pride for 40 years. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, lifting weights and spending time with his family of whom he was very proud of. Bill is survived by his wife: Peggy Arnold of DeMotte, IN; children: Betsy (Clint) Chinn of Valparaiso, IN; Susan Arnold of DeMotte, IN; Robert W. (Kelli) Arnold of DeMotte, IN; 6 grandchildren; Rachel Toppen, Jillian (Jason) Kosiara, Eric (Heather Zeese) Toppen, Robert(Samantha Kemeny)Cuellar, Nicholas Arnold and Olivia Arnold. 8 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Alex and Meghan Krsak, Jackson, Blake and

Allie Kosiara, Eleanora and Ellianna Toppen. sister: Marilyn Arnold; brother: Randy(Kathy) Arnold. Brother-in-law Ken Kosky, Sister-in-laws Katy (Tom) Teer, Janet (Scot) McCord. Many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He also leaves behind his beloved dog Sarabelle. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, parent-in-laws and infant twin sons. Friends may visit with the family at Faith Lutheran Church of DeMotte on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church of DeMotte on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 11:00 am with Pastor Karl Frincke. Interment will follow at Faith Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Faith Lutheran Church or VNA Hospice Center of Valparaiso. To share a memory with the Arnold family, please visit [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Faith Lutheran Cemetery

4VH7+W96 Kniman, Indiana  
Kniman, IN 46392

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
1700 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-3730

## Funeral Service

FEB **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" L. Arnold



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 23, 2019 at 03:16 PM

DD

*We are so sorry for your loss, Peggy. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Duane and Lynn Daugherty*

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**Duane and Lynn Daugherty** - February 24, 2019 at 02:43 PM

JF

*Dear Peggy & Family, We are so sorry for your loss, we will keep you in our prayers. Sincerely, Jerry & Vivian Fagen*

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**Jerry & Vivian Fagen** - February 24, 2019 at 05:35 PM

JM

*Dear Peggy and Family...Ellen and I were so sorry to receive the news of Bills passing. I always loved his loyalty to me and my other staff members and in later years the honesty he had to me and the court. When He shared something with me i knew it was the truth as best he knew it to be. I always felt he had my back all the years he was with me...*

*I always had to smile Peggy when he said well this is my wife whats her name....and you always smiled...i hoped the two of us could grow old gracefully sharing stories....*

*Eilen and I will keep you all in our prayers. We have added your names to our pray list at church her in Arizona...*

*God Bless you All*

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**j.philip mcgraw** - March 13, 2019 at 10:24 AM

PE

*Phil and Ellen thank you so much for the kind words for Bill. He had a lot of memories working with you. We can't tell you how much we miss love and miss him.*

*Peggy*

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**Peggy** - March 24, 2019 at 07:16 PM

Janis  
Deerwes  
Boise

*Peggy: I am deeply saddened about your loss. Sad I learned of his passing only recently. You both brightened my day when I was over. I will always remember our "peanut" gag between me & Bill. My deepest sympathies.*

*Jan Boise*

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**Janis Deerwester-Boise** - January 29, 2020 at 08:03 AM

KN

*My dear Peggy, I just learned of the passing of Bill. I have thought of him over the years. He was such an important part of Bob's life over the years as partners. Im so sorry to learn this sad News. Kathy (Highsmith) Niemeyer.*

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**Kathy Niemeyer** - November 13, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.*



March 01, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.*



February 23, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Kim and Kurt Wilson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.*



**Kim and Kurt Wilson** - February 23, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Richard And Nancy Rhoades lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" L. Arnold*



**Richard and Nancy Rhoades** - February 23, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LE

“ Love, the Pavol family (Joyce, Todd, Jen, Elyse) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.



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**Love, the Pavol family (Joyce, Todd, Jen, Elyse)** - February 23, 2019 at 03:52 PM

KA

“ You were the best big brother!



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**Kathy Arnold** - February 23, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.



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February 23, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ 107 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 23, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Arnold.



February 23, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" L. Arnold*



**Homer and Theresa Lakin** - February 23, 2019 at 07:34 AM

CA

*To the entire Arnold family. I am so sorry I could not be there to celebrate Bill's life. He was a wonderful man. Thank you all for always treating me like family.*

**Chris Rattay Addington** - February 23, 2019 at 02:56 PM

WS

*As a former DeMotte Police Officer, Chief Arnold was always active and supportive of his officers. Bill was a great tribute to the DeMotte P.D. and a great person. Bill will be missed by many. May God bless his family in this time of grief. Wayne Swanson*

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**Wayne Swanson** - February 24, 2019 at 02:07 PM