



David Gregory Arnold

September 17, 1959 - December 16, 2022

David Gregory Arnold, 63, received a VIP pass to his biggest concert ever and peacefully met Jesus on December 16, 2022. Known most of his life as "Diamond Dave", he lived an exciting, adventurous and sometimes unpredictable life. He lived life to the fullest, loved people, and had the heart of a giant for animals. He was more than generous with his love, friendship, and anything he could give to help anyone.

David was a roadie and caterer back in the 80's and 90's, traveling with many famous bands throughout the country- Eagles, ZZ Top, Aerosmith, Def Leppard, Poison, Paul McCartney, Queen, just to name a few. He had numerous stories to tell, but one of his favorites was how he almost got in a fight with Mike Tyson. David had his own painting company, Diamond Painting for over 20 years and developed many friendships due to him never meeting a stranger or helping someone in need that he didn't even know.

David loved going to concerts, collecting antiques, jewelry, metal detecting, and played guitar.

He loved his Irish heritage, and was intrigued with so many different cultures David was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Arnold and Jean Larkin Arnold, brother, Michael Arnold, and nephew, Ben Arnold.

David leaves behind his soulmate, best friend and love of his life, Jan Wright. They were married for 10 of the 26 years together. He also leaves behind his fur children Taz, Engel, Meeko, Moxie, Karma, Squeaky, Daisy and Roadie. He had more friends that loved him who he always considered his true family

and he was grateful for their friendship, understanding and love over the years. He is forever grateful for the love and support he received from Jan's family.

David wanted people to know that even though people make poor choices in life, remember that "trees lose their leaves every year, and still stand tall and wait for better days to come." David's wishes were to have a Celebration of Life and it will be at a later date. There will be a private graveside service only. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to any animal shelter, animal rescue, veterans, or homeless shelters. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga.

Cemetery Details

Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Tribute Wall

SP

“ I knew David years ago. Mike was married to my mother. David was always a pleasure to see. Always very friendly positive and looking to the future. My heart was broken to here of his passing. A super person!!! Scott Proctor

Scott Proctor - July 12, 2025 at 05:00 PM

SD

“ We lived across the street and down the street from all the Arnolds. I baby sat David all the time. I loved this family as if they were my own. Back then people watched out for folks and showed pride in our neighborhood.

Susan (Jeffress) Dame - December 29, 2022 at 12:02 PM

BK

“ Brooke Trammel Keller lit a candle in memory of David Gregory Arnold



Brooke Trammel Keller - December 19, 2022 at 02:23 AM

JH

“ Johnny Howard lit a candle in memory of David Gregory Arnold



Johnny Howard - December 18, 2022 at 12:44 PM

AS

“ I wasn't with you long, but the brief time we spent together was awesome 😎. It was an honor to be your caregiver. Peace out
Diamond Dave.



Aundie Swafford - December 17, 2022 at 07:47 PM

LS

“ Linda Schwartz lit a candle in memory of
David Gregory Arnold



Linda Schwartz - December 17, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SA

“ Little Brother, you were an adventure from the start of your life, filled with energy. I still remember the hours playing ball in the back yard, the fun out with the family, all the time we spent together while you were growing up.
Two of my best concert memories are with you, the trip to Memphis with Kathy and Mike to see the Rolling Stones and then when we were back stage at KISS and took Ace's guitar to Radio Shack for batteries.
I know we drifted apart at the end, but I always loved you and I know you loved me, your life ended too early.
I found a note that Mom wanted read at her funeral from St. Francis as it was our Mom who taught us the love of animals and the world....May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Steven Arnold - December 17, 2022 at 10:39 AM

JH

Hey Steve, my time with David Arnold was magical and will never forget our time together growing up from the 2 nd grade and forever

Johnny Howard - December 18, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DR

Well just found out about you and it breaks my heart! We had so much fun talking about all the people we knew! I knew I should have stay at that hospital! I will always remember our laughter and so glad that she pick me to help with you! She wanted the best for you and I know yall still loved each other! You will be missed my friend now your with the best!! Love always FLOSSIE!!

Debora Roger's - July 02, 2023 at 02:14 AM

LS

“ *Linda, Chuck, Toby, Suzanne lit a candle in memory of David Gregory Arnold*



Linda, Chuck, Toby, Suzanne - December 17, 2022 at 06:18 AM

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Linda, Chuck, Toby, Suzanne - December 17, 2022 at 06:17 AM

KH

“ I'll never forget when I visited you both over in PCB while I was doing my internship in Destin! One of my favorite memories of David. We had the best day sitting by the ocean and a fun dinner that night. I will always remember how much he used to make me laugh. My heart is with you GJan. So sorry for your loss.



Kasey Handley - December 16, 2022 at 08:03 PM

TB

“ So sorry Jan and also David's family. Praying for you all.



Tammy Barnett - December 16, 2022 at 07:51 PM

AL

“ Angela Sue Long lit a candle in memory of David Gregory Arnold



Angela Sue Long - December 16, 2022 at 03:01 PM