



Arnold A. Birchwale

September 6, 1958 - March 4, 2015

Obituary of Arnold Birchwale

Arnold Birchwale, 79, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Arnold was born in Queens, NY, raised in Ridgefield, NJ and Schoharie, NY, married his beloved wife Shirley Claire Mann on September 6, 1958 and together raised their children Steven John and Carol Marie in Westwood, NJ and retired to Schroon Lake, NY before moving to The Villages, Fl. in June of 2007.

Arnold was known, all of his life, for helping everyone. He volunteered his time, energy and knowhow anytime he was needed. He had a passion for keeping things clean and organized saying, "you need to have 'systems' for everything". He would wave and say hello to everyone he passed along the way whether he knew them or not. His quick wit kept everyone he was around "in stitches"! You just have to keep people happy and make people laugh!"

He served in the New Jersey National Guard, 156th Infantry. He was Owner/Operator of Mann's Garage in Westwood, NJ from 1963 till he retired. He was a member of Westwood United Methodist Church, a Life Time Member of the Westwood Elks Lodge #1562 joining in 1967 where he was

honored as "Officer of the Year" serving as Lodge Inner Guard, was the fourth person ever chosen as "Elk of the Year" in 1974, the building chairman, the Elks softball team pitcher, and so much more.

He was a member of Schroon Lake Community Church, Snowmobile Club, Fish and Game Club, Skylark Beach Association and the Schroon Lake Senior Center where he was honored in 2006 as "Senior Citizen of the Year". Member of The Villages Precision Golf Car Drill Team, The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club, Prius Club, Yesteryear Kart club, and the Inner Circle Club.

He was preceded in death by his father Albert Henry Birchwale, mother Marion Veronica Cathcart, Stepmother Mary Veronica Carey, Stepfather "Patsy" Agostino, sisters Patti Marie Hopper, Marion Louise Ruefer, Eleanor Lorraine Adam, brother-in-law William Adam and beloved godson Joseph Albert Birchwale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Shirley Claire Birchwale, son Steven John Birchwale and significant other Sheryl Ann Swayze, daughter Carol Marie Birchwale and significant other Steven Arthur Hirstius, Brothers Michael Ronald Birchwale, Albert Henry Birchwale, Sister Patricia Joan Greene, Brother-in-law A. Roger Ruefer, Timothy J. Greene, John W. Hopper, Jr., Sister-in-laws Diane T. Testa, Lucinda T. Corrado, Harriet J. Stiener . Ten Nephews and five Nieces.

His family is welcoming friends for a gathering at his home in The Villages, Saturday March 7, 2015 from 1:00 till 5:00. A memorial service is will be held at the Westwood Elk's Lodge on a date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Westwood Elks Lodge No. 1562 Payable to "Miracle on the Mountain Fund", c/o John Cangelosi, 254 Calvin Street, Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

"To Our Absent Brother".

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dear Shirley and Family, My most sincere condolences on your loss. I remember fondly the time we spent together at the Class of '58 Reunion. You and Arnold were blessed to have had so many wonderful years together. I'll continue to hold you in my thoughts.
Donna

Donna Brewer - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Shirley, Carole & Steven, Simple words cannot express the sadness we feel for your loss. Arnold will forever be in our hearts. Miss him terribly at drill team practice, and most of all playing Farkle. Joyce & Ted

Joyce & Ted Tierney - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Arnold was a friend to all and he will be deeply missed. It was a pleasure being on The Villages Precision Golf Cart Drill Team with him. Lynn Baldacci

Lynn Baldacci - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Shirley, I was so shocked to read that Arnold had passed away. You both were such a presence at the Racing Club and we will miss him very much. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. You and your family will be in my heart and prayers. Love, Silky

Silky Meegan - March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Arnold. His smiling face & quick wit will be greatly missed at the Prius Club meetings. Our prayers are with Arnold & his family. Kathy & Jerry Roth

Jerry & Kathy Roth - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed meeting Arnold and sharing good times, good meals and funny stories with him at Yesteryear Kart Club functions. He was a wonderful man and a joy to know. He will be sorely missed.

Pat and Marty Petretti - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ We only knew him for a short time but liked him from the first time we met. Where not full time at the villages but when we went to the last yesteryear club meeting in March I was looking for Arnold n Shirley and noticed them missing. Very sorry for your loss. Ronni n bob Nelson from the yesteryear club

Ronni and bob nelson - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Shirley and Family, Don and send our deepest sympathy for your loss. We know Arnold from the YesterYear kart club and the Prius Cub. He always had a smile on his face and seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. He would always join in on the fun that both clubs had to offer. We will truly miss him. Carole and Don Thompson

Carole and Don Thompson - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Arnold will be deeply missed by all his Yesteryear Kart Club friends. Our deepest sympathy to all his loved ones. June L. Fuller YYK Club Secretary

June L. Fuller - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Shirley, Charlene and I are currently out of town this weekend and unfortunately will not be available for Arnold's celebration of life at your home. We wanted to let you know how much Arnold as well as you have meant to us as we joined the golf cart drill team club. It was also a joy to have you and Arnold sharing breakfast with me on Wednesday after our practices. Arnold's sense of humor and his jokes will surely be missed by us all. I remember Arnold's game called the penny drop was a big hit at our Club functions. Thanks for being a part of our club with Arnold. I know you have your families support in this time of sorrow. Our sympathies go with you always. Phil and Charlene

Phil English - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ On behalf of the Yesteryear Kart Club we send our condolences to Shirley and family. We where shocked to hear of his passing, he will be missed in our club. Sincerely Tony Costa Present

Tony Costa Yesteryear Kart Club - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Arnold A. Birchwale

Carol Birchwale - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Im so sorry for you and your families loss. The several times I spoke to him and heard his jokes was just enough to know how much of a happy loving person he was. Rest in Peace Dear Angel.*

Nevina Barreto - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arnold A. Birchwale*

March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM