



## Arthur Ayris

March 2, 1929 - August 28, 2010

### Obituary of Arthur Ayris

AYRIS, SR. ARTHUR A. "BIG ART" 81, of Fruitland Park, departed this life on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at the age of 81. Art was born in Springfield, Ohio on March 2, 1929, and moved to Fruitland Park in 1944. He graduated from Leesburg High School and St. Petersburg Junior College. He met his bride to be, Beulah "Boots" Haynie, on a blind date in Clearwater, Florida. They married upon his return from serving in the Army during the Korean War. Art and Boots called Clearwater and Ocala home before permanently settling in the Leesburg area. An electrical contractor, Art eventually co-owned then purchased Plaza Electric Company, a business to which he devoted himself. He actively participated in the Florida Electrical Contractors Association before retiring. Besides his family, Art's passion was playing and watching golf. Numerous club championship wins evidence his excellence at the sport. Father and son tournaments and teaching his grandchildren to play, however, brought him the greatest joy. He was an active member of the Community United Methodist Church of Fruitland Park where he served on various committees. Art enjoyed traveling with his family, particularly to the mountain house he built. His family remembers his quick wit, the value of hard work which he instilled in his children, and his ability to create something from nothing. The "shack" became a wonderful lakefront home, an old chassis a dune buggy for the kids, a beat up bicycle repaired and painted for a child in

need.

Art was predeceased in death by his wife, "Boots" Ayriss, and granddaughter, Ashton Ayriss. He is survived by his three children, Art Ayriss, Jr. and his wife Kelly, of Fruitland Park; Cynthia Ayriss Kemp and her husband Bill of Sarasota, FL and David Ayriss and his wife Julie, of Fruitland Park; and grandchildren Ben and Alex Ayriss, Aubree and Wyatt Ayriss, all of Fruitland Park, and Jeremy and Daniel Kemp of Sarasota, FL. Also surviving are his sisters Norma Jean Fountain of Swainsboro, GA and Mary Roop of Columbus, GA and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park with Rev. Art Ayriss, Jr. officiating. For anyone interested in a memorial contributions, please consider Samaritan Inn, 115 N. 13th St., Leesburg, FL 34748.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arthur Ayris*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.... The Sennetts*

**Sennett Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Art, I have very fond memories of your Dad especially when we all came out to your house on the lake many years ago. He will be sorely missed. God bless you and your family.*

**Brooks and Jane** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Art, David, Cynthia, The days and nights spent with your family were some of the happiest times of my youth. I remember your father as a warm and gentle man. My heart goes out to you in this time of loss. But I rejoice for him to be reunited with your mother. God rest his soul.*

**Byrnes James** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Art was a loyal customer in business as well as a true friend and golfing buddy. We spent many hours getting the jobs bid; having lunch and playing a lot of golf at Silver Lake.*

**Robert Garst** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ My prayers are with Mr. Ayris and his family at this sad time. God Bless. Don Oliver

Don Oliver - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I know that the lord will comfort and guide you through this difficult time. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." -Matthew 5:4

Matthew Ostrander - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ CY and family, Our heartfelt sympathy is with you at this time; we hope you feel our love and support. May God comfort you and strengthen you in the days ahead. Much love, Jim and Carolyn

Jim and Carolyn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Art - We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Chris & Shannon

Chris and Shannon Carlyle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Although we did not know your father, you posses a strength, kindness, and compassion that could only come from the nurturing love of wonderful parents. Please know that we are praying for the entire Ayris family and know that God will bring you comfort through your memories.

Danny and Lisa Sipe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM