

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Arthur Edward Thompson

(- September 21, 2006)



Be open to your dreams, people. Embrace that distant shore. Because our mortal journey is over all too soon.

David Assael

This memorial website was made to remember Arnie, a Husband, a Father, a Grandfather, Brother and Uncle. Born on the 20th October Croydon in 1941 and passed away on the 21st September 2006. God bless and rest in peace. Please light a candle before you leave this site and keep his memory alive. Thank you xx



Race for Life 2007

I am taking part in this race on May 13th 2007 at Lloyds Park, Croydon in memory of my Dad. If you would like to sponsor me please visit www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/mjuster

Thanks!





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5 months 3 weeks 3 days until Arnie's Birthday



Arnie





*Keeping your memory
alive forever....*





Forever In
Our Heart

Please light a candle before you leave whether it be for Arnie, Tony or anyone you have lost or are battling an illness. It means a lot to me and my family that people take the time to care

xx



~ God's Garden ~



*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down on earth*

*And saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best*

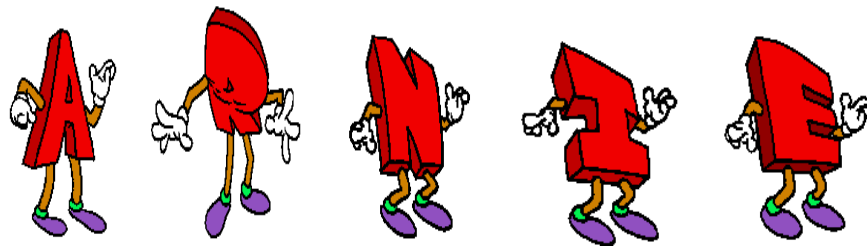


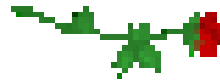
*He knew you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again
He saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*



*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone For part of us went with you The day God called you home*







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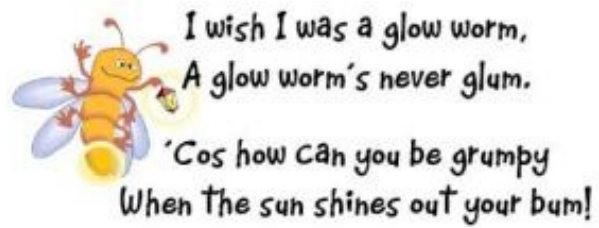
We had 43 happy years together. I am so glad we met and I had a share in your life, you will always be very much loved and missed by me. My love will always be with you. I know you couldn't help it for having to leave me.

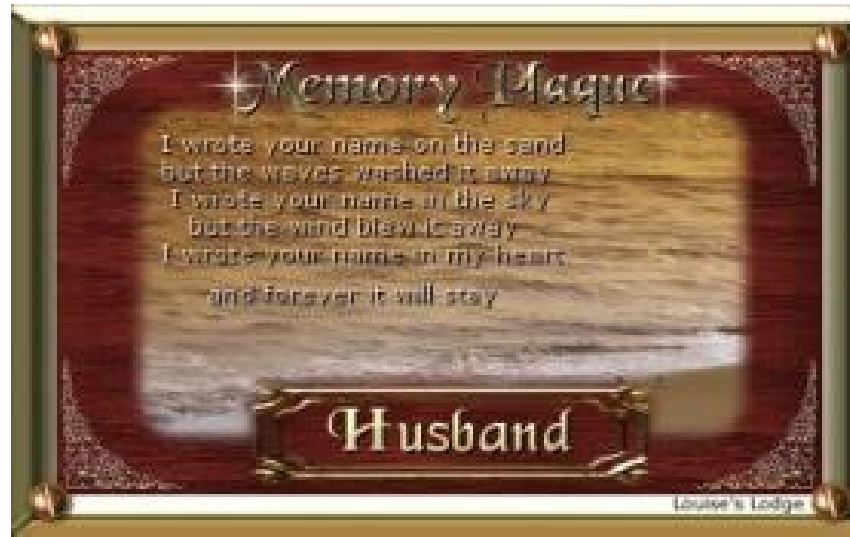
Love you always and forever,

 *Frances* xx 



Dad, I thought of you when I received this. It made me laugh anyway!! Love Mich xx





We Miss You More Than Words Can Describe



*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. for ever and ever. Amen*



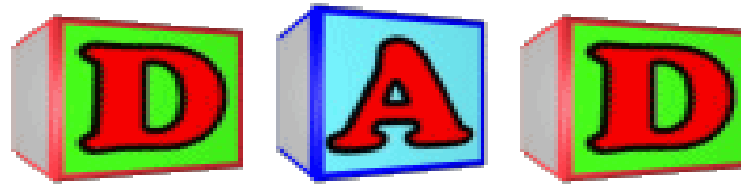
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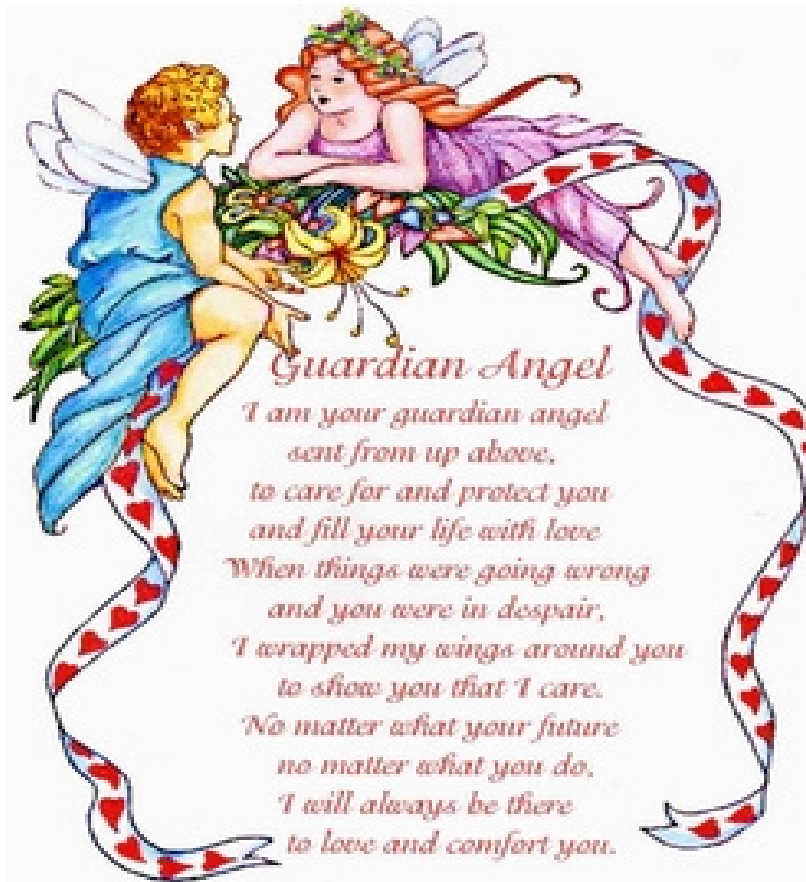


4 months 3 weeks 5 days until 1st Angel Date

*If snowdrops grow in Heaven,
Please pick a bunch for us, 💜💜
Place them in our Dad's arms,
And tell him they're from us, 💜💜
Tell him that we love him, and miss him, 💜💜*

*And when he turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon his cheek,
And hug him for a while,
Because remembering him is easy,
We do it every day,
But there's an ache within our hearts,
That will never go away*







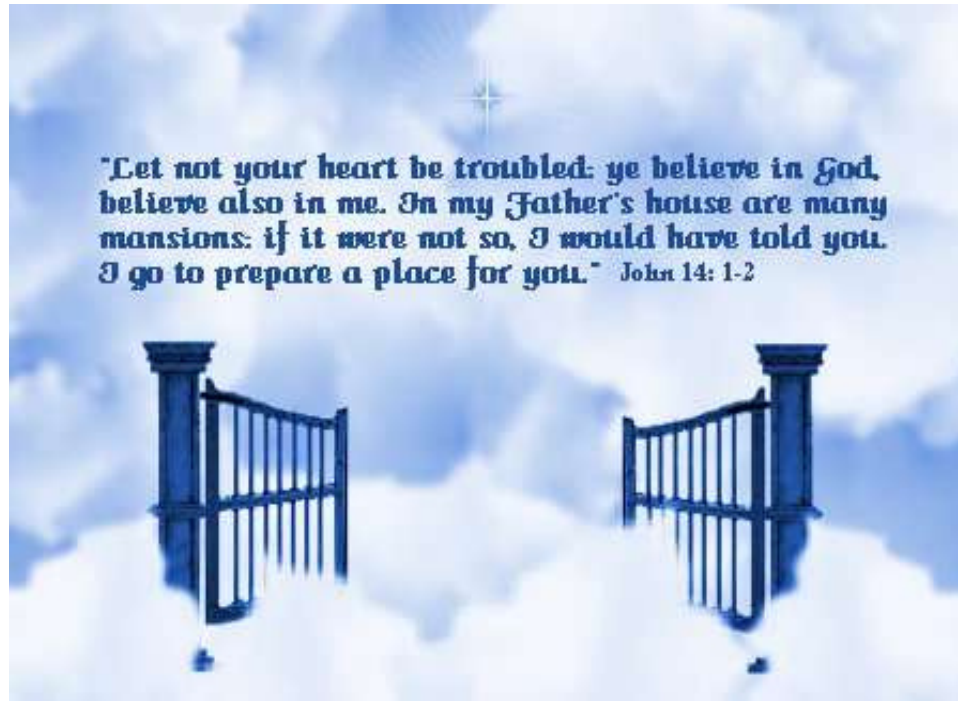
You are in my
thoughts and
prayers.





Michelle & Simon's wedding

21st August 2004



From your Daughters, Dad

You've always given us so many reasons to say "*thanks*",

When we were small you were there to hold on to.

As we grew up you encouraged and supported us,

And *always* you showed your love

That's why we want to say – thanks for being there and for being such a wonderful Dad



Thank you to Michele Simmonds for doing the above graphic for me. Its very much appreciated xx

www.brian-compton.memory-of.com

Don't think of him as gone away-
his journey's just begun
life holds so many facets-
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the fears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost-
and he was loved so much.





♥ Arnie my Husband ♥

There's a little place within my heart that's reserved for only you,

A place that is so full of beautiful memories and the love I feel towards you that will never
fade away

For how could it?

As from the day we met, I've always loved you so

My Husband, my soul mate

You brought me joy and happiness

Thank you for being such a shining light in my life to walk beside
To have had you as my husband has been a gift beyond compare
And from now until forever I will always love you so.

 Frances xx 

R.I.P Until we meet again xx





★ *On a clear and bright truly starry night,* ★

★ *Should you see a moon beam shining bright,* ★

★ *It's just the Angels changing their shift,* ★

★ *A pathway to heaven, steps for Angels or lift* ★

★ *Refreshed and uplifting Angels for tomorrow* ★

★ *Waiting to comfort and console any sorrow* ★ .



Come on then, time to go home!!!!



Anyone who knew Arnie will remember that he liked collecting clocks.....he drove us mad when the clocks had to go forward or back!!!!



is for happy of which Arnie was



is for undying love for me



is for smile that he always gave



is for barmy for the way he made
us laugh



is for Arnie who everyone loved



is for his nice loving ways



is for drink which he liked a can of!

This spells HUSBAND of which a good one he was



*love is like the wind...
you can't see it
but you can feel it*



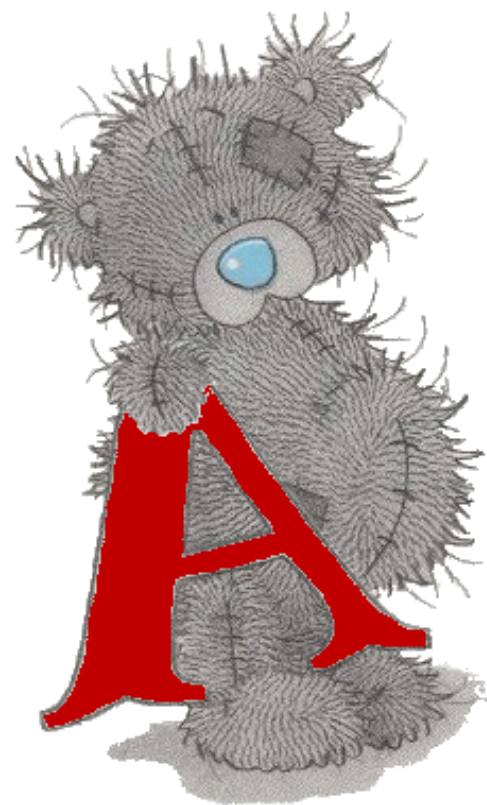
I remember
when we watched
the parade and
you lifted me up
so I could see.





Elayne & Terry's wedding

3rd September 2005



As I sit and stare at the
shimmering moon,
I also sit here and
hope to see you soon,
Then I realize I won't be
able to see you tomorrow...
So I sit here and cry in sorrow
Now I only uphold a dream
which I hope to come true
And that one dream is to be
reunited in heaven with you.
Author Unknown



is for Tortoises. Two pets he adored, Fred

and Tammy



is for October. The month of his birthday



is for mug of tea, A favourite drink of his



is for yummy. What he thought of his food



is for Grand-dad. What he always will

be



is for "roll-up". Something he really

enjoyed



is for amazing. That is what he was



is for nutty. As he was nutty along with

his jokes



is for delightful. A word that describes

his cooking



is for "Deal or No Deal". A favourite TV

show of his



is for Ace Grand-dad



is for Dominos. One of his favourite

games

This spells "To My Grand-dad". R.I.P. Grand-dad we love you, forever and always.





Gone but not forgotten





This was written by Hayley Smith (Grand-daughter) and placed with Arnie at the Chapel of Rest



We all can't believe this has happened. We all couldn't say what we wanted to your face so we all thought that we would write it. Words can't express what you meant to us. It is so hard without you. We all can't bear that you have left us and gone away. We all didn't want to let you go. Why did it have to end this way? Why? We all have to say that we love you so much, we all still do love you even though we are far apart, you will never be forgotten Granddad.



You will always be in our hearts and your memories will be too. They keep us all alive and strong and keeps us all believing that you are still here. Thanks for being there for all of us, you never let us down. We all won't forget you 'til the day we die. We all hope that you read this in Heaven but for now Granddad we all hope that you suffer no more pain and you R.I.P until we meet again one sweet day.

Love from all your grandchildren,

Hayley, Tommy, Ronnie, Reece, Charlene, Leah, Bradlee and little Reggie xx





Please don't tell me not to cry
Please don't say there was a reason why
You don't know what I am feeling
Or how much I hurt
The wet spots are from tears on the collar of this shirt
You think I should go on with life
Forget about it and be strong
But deep down I am sad, and I don't want to go along
I don't expect you to understand why
For no apparent reason I break down and start to cry
My life has changed forever, you see
And that is why I am not acting like the same ole me
So please don't try to act like nothing happened
Because it's changed my life forever
I will never be the same again
Not today, not tomorrow, but never
The best thing you can do for me is just be there
Just like always, my friend
My broken heart is hurting bad
And it will never mend.

AP

2002



A balloon from my 1st birthday for my Grandad, love Reggie (Age 1)



In memory of my husband. Love you forever xx





*Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health.
But no one can ever take away your precious memories...*

*So, don't forget to make time and take opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every
purpose under heaven.*

*They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget
them. You never know when you will need each other. You will always remember to let them know that you will never forget them.*



IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY
AND MEMORIES WERE A LANE
I WOULD WALK RIGHT UP TO HEAVEN
TO BRING YOU HOME AGAIN
NO FAREWELL WORDS WERE SPOKEN
NO TIME TO SAY GOODBYE
YOU WERE GONE BEFORE I KNEW IT
AND ONLY GOD KNOWS WHY
MY HEART STILL ACHES WITH SADNESS
AND SECRET TEARS STILL FLOW
WHAT IT MEANT TO LOSE YOU
NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW



Please also use this site to remember the life of Tony Dann who passed away on the 13th February 2005. Please also feel free to light a candle to help keep Tony's memory alive. Below is a poem that was read out at his memorial service last year.

FAREWELL MY FRIENDS

*It was beautiful
As long as it lasted
The journey of my life*



*I have no regrets, whatsoever save
The pain i'll leave behind
Those dear hearts who love and care.....
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul....*




*The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down*



*At every turning of my life
I came across good friends
Friends who stood by me
Even when the time raced me by*



*Farewell, Farewell my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye
No, shed no tears for I need them not
All I need is your smile*


*If you feel sad do think of me
For that's what I'll like
When you live in the hearts of those you love
Remember then you never die*



Please take a moment to visit this site:

www.leah-porter.memory-of.com

and light a candle in memory of this beautiful little angel



Thank You's

Thank you to Hayley Bigwood (Leah's Mummy). She has helped me so much with my endless questions re. designing my Dad's website. Thanks Hayley! xx



Thank you to Michele Simmonds for the graphic of the Best Dad certificate.



Thank you to everyone else who has helped me out, you know who you all are, whether it be scanning my photo's (Cheers Tommy!) or just listening to me when things weren't going right! I truly appreciate it all.

Love Mich xx





As read out at Arnie's funeral

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed
he was walking along the beach with the LORD.*



*Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene he noticed two sets of
footprints in the sand: one belonging
to him, and the other to the LORD.*



*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of
his life there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very
lowest and saddest times in his life.*



*This really bothered him and he
questioned the LORD about it:*

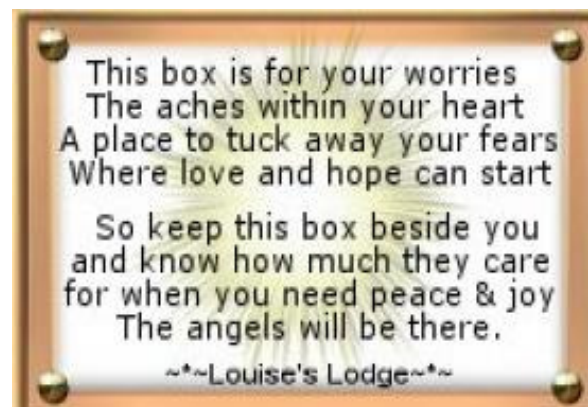


*"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow
you, you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life,*

*there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when
I needed you most you would leave me."*



*The LORD replied:
"My son, my precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you."*





To our Grandad, we miss you more than you can ever imagine! With love from all your grandchildren xxxxxxxx



To our Dad, thank you for everything you done for us.

Sleep tight, Lots of love Elayne, Sharon, Yvonne & Michelle

xxxxxxxxxxx



Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air or solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at little jokes we enjoyed together. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was;

there is unbroken continuity. Why should I bbe out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.....



Remembering Arnie

*You can shed tears that he is gone
or you can smile because he has lived*



*You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all he has left.*



*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.*



*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*



*You can remember him and only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*



*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,
or you can do what he'd want:*



Smile, Open Your Eyes

Love and Go On.



*Sometimes, when I miss you, life
feels downright un-BEAR-able!*



lotsa luv
and
big hugz



*If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.*



*If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.*



*If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.*



*If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.*



*If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.*



*For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.*



*There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"*



*But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.*



*Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.*



*So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,*



*That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.*



*So hold your loved ones close today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear*



*Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.*



dance

as though no one is watching you,

love

as though you have never been hurt before,

sing

as though no one can hear you,

live

as though heaven is on earth. -souza



*to Some I MAY BE NOTHING MORE THAN A DISTANT MEMORY.
MY LIFE ON EARTH IS OVER NOW,BUT DO you REMEMBER ME?
I KNOW I WASN'T HERE for long enough ,*

*BUT GOD'S WORK FOR ME WAS THROUGH.
PLEASE DON'T TRY TO STOP THE THOUGHTS OF ME BECAUSE
I NEVER WILL OF YOU.*



SOME MAY HEAR OR SPEAK MY NAME AND

*VANISH THE THOUGHT OF ME,
WHY IS IT NOW THAT I AM GONE NO ONE STOPS TO SEE.
I'M CLOSER TO YOU NOW THAN I EVER WAS BEFORE,
I LOVE YOU ALL JUST THE SAME AND WILL FOREVERMORE.
SO, PLEASE DON'T LET MY MEMORIES SLOWLY FADE AWAY...
FOR I'M STILL INSIDE YOUR HEART YOU SEE,*

WHERE I WILL ALWAYS STAY.



DON'T THINK OF ME AS GONE FOREVER

*BECAUSE SOMEDAY WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
KEEP ME CLOSE INSIDE YOUR HEART UNTIL*

*GOD TELLS YOU WHEN.
YOU MAY BE THERE FOR MANY YEARS NO ONE EVER KNOWS,
SO LET MY MEMORY STAY ALIVE AS THE LOVE INSIDE YOU
GROWS.*



*SOME OF YOU MAY WONDER WHY GOD CALLED FOR ME
SOONER THAN YOU'D PLANNED.
BUT PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT HIM, FOR I'M*

*IN THE MASTER'S HANDS.
PLEASE REMEMBER ME WITH LOVE AND WITH*

*EACH TEAR THAT YOU CRY,
REMEMBER I'M BESIDE YOU STILL, ALTHOUGH I SAID GOOD-BYE*



BLUEBERRY HILL

*I found my thrill on blueberry hill
On blueberry hill when I found you
The moon stood still on blueberry hill
And lingered until my dreams came true*



The wind in the willow played

*Love's sweet melody
But all of those vows we made
Were never to be*



*Tho' we're apart, you're part of me still
For you were my thrill on blueberry hill*



*The wind in the willow played
Love's sweet melody
But all of those vows we made
Were never to be*



*Tho' we're apart, you're part of me still
For you were my thrill on blueberry hill*

Blueberry hill was arnie's favourite song xx





*I believe in angels
That they're always hovering near
Whispering encouragement
When clouds suddenly appear*



*Protecting us from danger
And showing us the way
Performing little miracles
Within our lives each day*

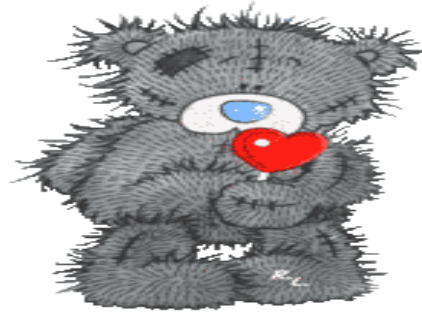


*Yes, I believe in angels
And I'm sure you do too
And I'm convinced that angels
Are always watching over you*



God Bless You!

Heaven...



*We do not need a special day
To bring you to our minds
The days we do not think of you
Are very hard to find.*



*Each morning when we wake
We know that you are gone
And no one knows our heart ache
As we try to carry on.*



*Our hearts still ache with sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you*

No one will ever know.



*Our thoughts are always with you
Your place no one can fill
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still.*



*There will always be a heart ache
And often a silent tear
But always a precious memory
of that one day you were here.*



*If tears could make a stair way
And heart ache could make a lane
We'd walk the path to heaven
And bring you back again.*



*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives*

Until we meet again.



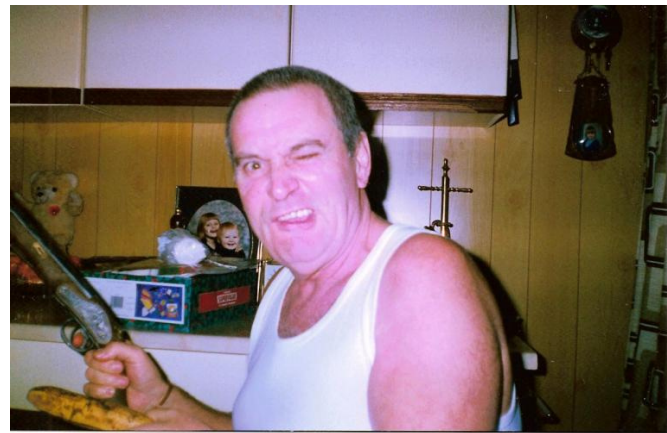
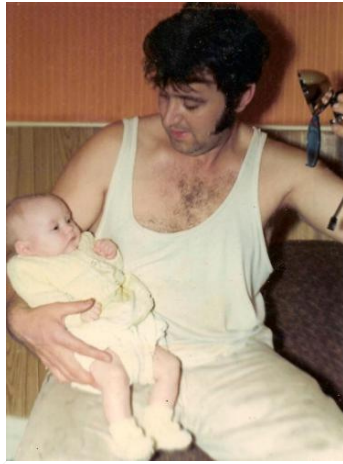




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Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



Armed and Dangerous!



Yep...singing Blueberry Hill



Arnie, Char and Tony



With Elayne



Arnie and Brother Fred



At Elayne and Terry's wedding - Sept 2005



My....what a nice pair!



Fishing at Earlswood Lakes



Obviously waiting for another pint!



What a poser eh?



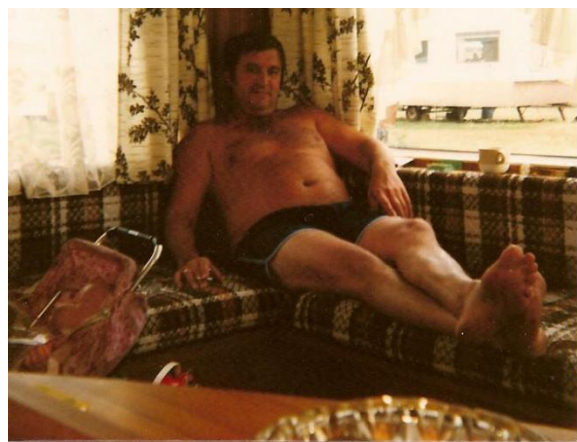
Doing his famous wink!



Our Dad....we love him!



Back garden with the avery



Good old caravan holidays....you can't beat 'em!



Nice hair! Pictured with Yvonne as a kid



On their hols!



With Frances and youngest grandson Reggie



Count Arnie!



Arnie swimming



Simon & Reggie



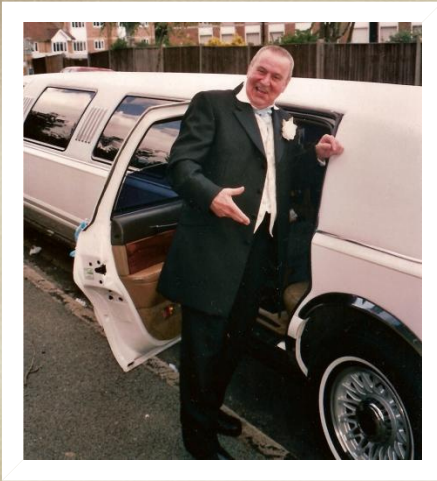
Arnie & Frances' Wedding Day 2nd July 1966



Wedding Day. Pictured with bridesmaid Jackie



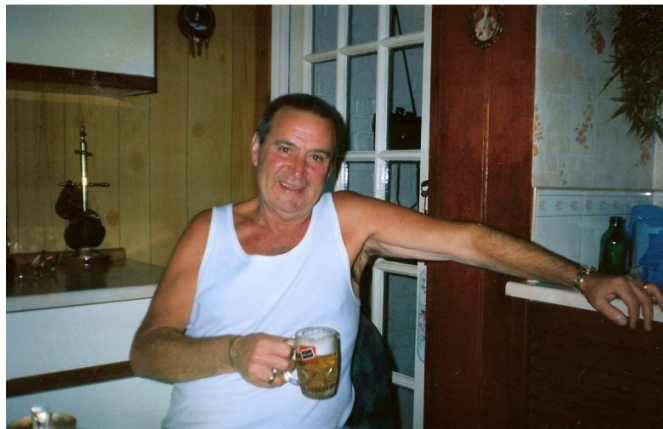
Arnie & Frances early years



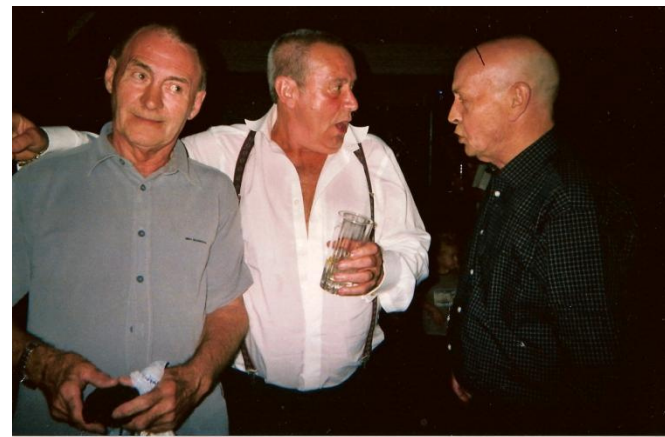
Living the High Life!



**How on earth did he manage to have such beautiful daughters eh?
ha ha**



Arnie enjoying himself



With John and Freddie Fuller



With Frances and Sylvie



The famous wig!



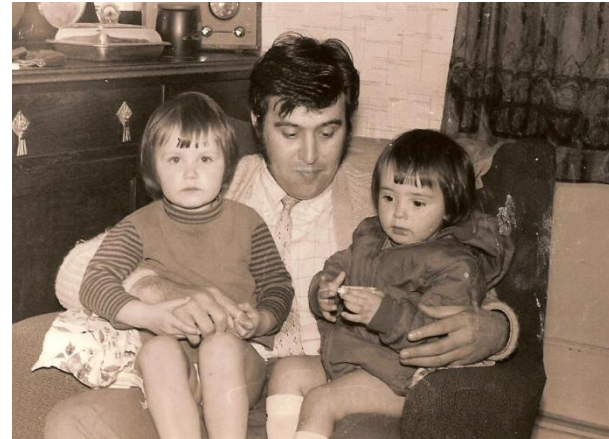
Michelle & Reggie



Pant Man to the rescue!



At Simon & Michelle's Wedding



With Elayne and Sharon as kids



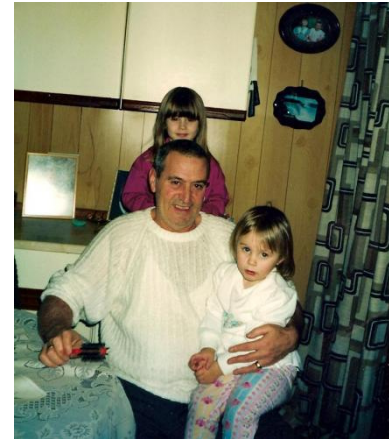
with Mich as a baby



Sharon, Tony, Char, Arnie, Elayne, Hayley



Bit cold for the seaside but they're hard this lot!!!!



With a young Char and Leah



Getting into the spirit of things! Pic with Yvonne



For me? Oh, you shouldn't have!!!!



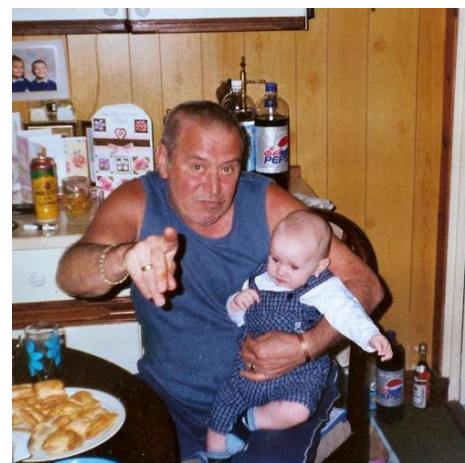
In his hey day!



with his mate Morris Hearn



His pride and joy!





Dancing the night away with Frances and Michelle



Drunk? Me? Never!



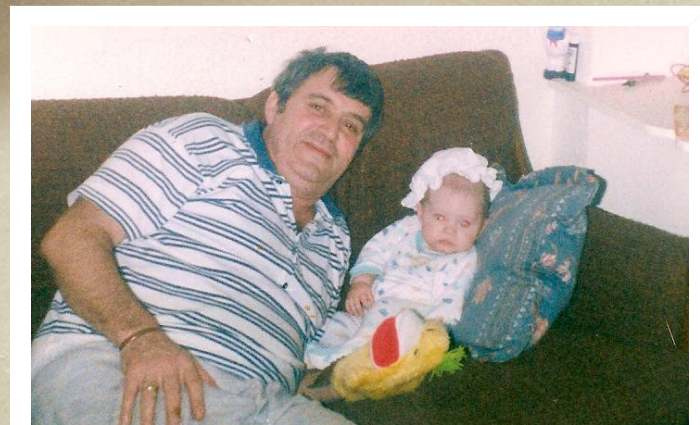
Getting ready to tuck in!



Trying the coy pose!



A young Arnie....Ah, bless!



With eldest Grandchild Charlene



Young Arnie



Out on the tiles with his mates



Ever so proud of his sunflowers!



Arnie and Frances enjoying a night out



Happy days!



On their hols



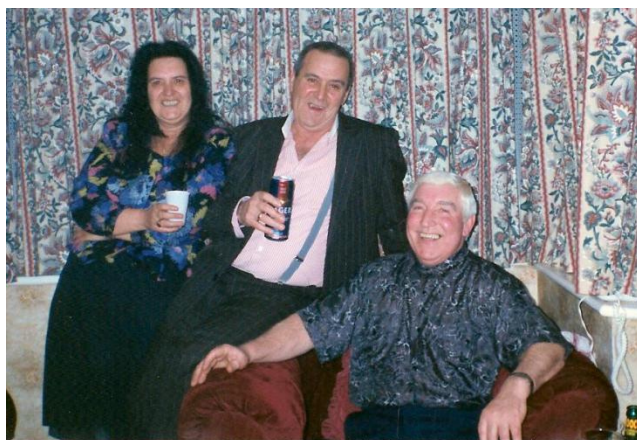
Arnie and Paul enjoying a pint



Simon, Arnie and Jimmy



with Mich as a baby



Sylvie, Arnie and Bill



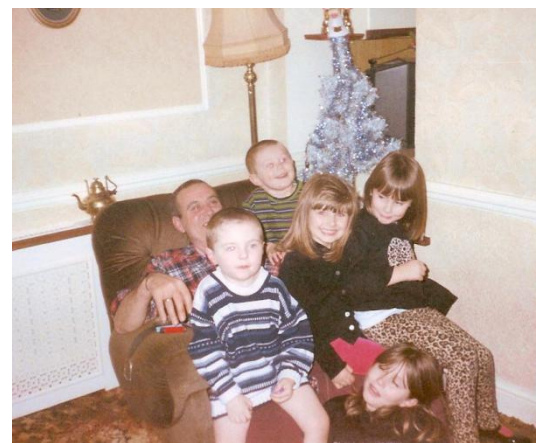
Frances, Michelle & Arnie



Flowers for their anniversary



Outside Sylvie and Pauls



With Tommy, Hayley, Reece, Char & Leah



with Mich at Christmas



It's the famous bowler hat!



Showing off a new addition! (Mich)



Christmas time (pic with Mich)



Posing again!

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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

04/26/2007

Mich

*Just sending you a hug up to
heaven xoxo*

04/24/2007

**Teri Drebit (Jaime's
Mom)**

*Thinking of you today and
always precious Arnie.
Sending hugs your way and
to your loving family. xoxo*

04/20/2007

Hayley Leah's Mummy

*Hi Arnie, Just a quick msg to
say have a lovely weekend in
the sky, keep that sun
shining and look after Leah
for me. XXXX*

04/12/2007

Hayley Leah's Mummy

*Hello Arnie, hope u are well
and had a nice time at Leah's
birthday party. Have fun
over that rainbow lots of
love always xxxx*

04/11/2007

Mich

*No laughing at me from
Heaven when im doing Race
4 Life! Know what you're
like! xx*

04/08/2007

**Elayne, Tel, Hayley &
Reece**

*Just want you to know how
much we miss you, i still
expect to hear your voice
when i go to yours and
mums house, seems not
right, xx*

04/08/2007

barry

*Thinking of u, and the good
old times, in the pubs.
barryxx*

04/02/2007

Frances

*Missing you so badly and
always will. Just love you so
much and nothing is the
same without you. Always
will love you. XxXxX*

03/27/2007

Elayne and Tel

*Have been thinking a lot
bout you today, i hope u
know how much we all miss
you, love you sleep tight xxx*

03/25/2007

emma

*Hi arnie, well just letting you
no you shall be missed, and a
party will never be the same
without you xxx*

03/22/2007

Mich

*Wanted to come and see you
this week but Reg has been
ill. Sorry, dont think we've
forgotten you cos we haven't,
neva will*

03/22/2007

Mich

*Hi Dad, Leah's 1st birthday
today - look after her for her
Mummy won't you? xx*

03/21/2007

Norma the informa x

Alright Arn... Still cant believe it... your a cracker, I do think about u everyday. Its not the same. x

03/20/2007

Caroline

Youre deeply missed by all.I really didn't know you too well but from what I know I bet your making all in heaven laugh!xx

03/19/2007

val, andy & jake

Bestest uncle in the world,you are sadly missed by all of us especially your sister 'bunter' ; sylvia look over her bruv xxx

03/19/2007

mich

Cant believe in 2 days time you'll have been gone for 6 months. it feels like a lifetime since it happened xx

03/19/2007

Mich

Look after baby Leah on her birthday this Thurs. Ur prob be doing the balloons 4 her! Give her a hug from her Mummy Hayley xx

03/19/2007

Mich

Hi Dad, am gonna come and see you this week. See how ur garden looks now. Heard its really nice! Love u xx

03/19/2007

Hayley Leah's Mummy

Hi Arnie, thinking of you as always, hope you are getting ready for Leah's party in the sky on Thursday. Look after her 4 me x

03/19/2007

Jen

Hild, my heart is like a cabbage nearly burst in two, the leaves i give to others my heart i give to you xx

03/18/2007

hayley and reece

Hi grandad we went to your grave yesterday it looks nice now miss u and your smiley face and your jokes see u soon one day xxxxxxxx

03/15/2007

Mich

Hi Dad, look over Mum, she is missing you so much like we all are. you would think time heals but it dont xx

03/13/2007

Elayne and Tel

Tel is going to do the fence for you and he is helping mum with bits you used to do, kids really miss you every day so do i xxx

03/13/2007

Elayne and Tel

Went to your little garden today with mum, we are going to make it really nice for you when the stone comes sleep tight miss youxx

03/13/2007

hayley and reece

Hi grandad miss you soo much was at school today and was thinking of you i hope you sleep tight and u are waiting 4 us in heaven xx

03/06/2007

Simon

Hi Arn - We are all missing your happy smiley face. I promise to look after Mich and Reggie for you. Take care x

03/01/2007

Michelle

Dad, im at work but cant concentrate cos i miss you so much. things are so different now. love you xx

02/28/2007

Reece and hayley

Miss u so much grandad its not the same without you but we are all getting on with life as usall even though its hard love you XxX

02/28/2007

Reece and hayley

Hi Grandad we miss you so much it is not the same without you but we are all tring to go on with life even though it is hard lv ux

02/23/2007

Ashley Batchelor

Hey you don't know me but i like your sight i am going to make one for my grandpa and wanted to know what they looked like.

02/23/2007

Reggie J

Grandad, Im a big boy now cos im 1!!!! I know you was watching from heaven. Love you xx

02/23/2007

Michelle

Just been to see you Dad. Sorry it wasn't for long but had to be back at work. Hope you're ok up in heaven xx

02/20/2007

Elayne, Tel, Hayley & Reece

Was at mums today all of us trying to sort out your headstone, we have chosen a nice headstone and verse for you. Sleep tight Xxxx

02/19/2007

Hayley Leah's Mummy

Hi Arnie, just to let you know im thinking of you. Hope you are looking after Leah for me up there. Lots of love always xxxxx

02/15/2007

Frances

P.S. We will meet up again one day. XxXxX

02/15/2007

Frances

Hope you're happy and at peace where you are because I love you so much, always will and always will miss you. Bye Bye XxXxX

02/09/2007

**Sharon, Tommy and
Ronnie**

*Hi dad and grandad,
missing you so much, things
are so awful now without
you, we hope you are looking
after Tony for us. Love you x*

02/09/2007

Yvonne

*Love you always and see you
soon love Yvonne xxx*

02/05/2007

Michelle

*Dad, today is the 3rd
anniversary of baby jooster.
give him/her a big kiss and
cuddle from me xx*

02/01/2007

**Elayne, Terry, Hayley &
Reece**

*Just want to say how much
we all miss you, xmas was
not the same, you are always
in our hearts and thoughts
and our prayers. Xxxx*

01/05/2007

Hayley Leah's Mummy

*I never knew u but ive heard
a lot about you and you
sound such a wonderful
man. Take care of Leah for
me up there&god bless x*

01/05/2007

Michelle

*To my Dad, A little late i
know but to wish you happy
new year up in the clouds.
look over us and keep us safe
xx*

12/29/2006

Michelle

*We all miss you so much.
Hope you have found baby
Jooster for me up there xx*

12/28/2006

Michelle Juster

*Hope you had a lovely Xmas
up in Heaven. We missed
you and your noise!!! xx*

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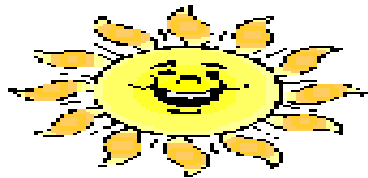
Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

Mich

You're making the sunshine!

April 16, 2007



Thanks for making the sun shine Dad. It's really lovely! xx

Michelle

Dad, this is what i think of you!!!! xx

April 16, 2007



Mich

We miss you

April 13, 2007

Hi Dad,

Just bumped into Auntie Val and Cousin Linda in Croydon. They were saying they still couldn't believe you were gone. I told them all about your nice headstone we were getting you. I never meant to say i never liked it when Mum showed me the template of it, guess i was just upset at seeing it and realising it has actually happened. Anyway, its gonna look lovely. Hopefully it should be there in time for Fathers Day for you. Mum (with Terry's help) has put fencing round your little garden now. I haven't seen it yet, im just so busy with work, Reggie, trying to move etc. its scary where time goes.

This fathers day I wont be able to buy no Stella for you!!! The offie is gonna be down in profits now! ha ha.

I hope you're gonna be watching when me and Elayne do Race for Life. We're gonna get a photo of you pinned to our race numbers so your gonna be famous! Im trying really hard and ive joined WW!!! Ive managed to raised £100 so far for Cancer Research. I got my race pack last night and just cried. Im sure Simon thinks im mad at times but i just couldn't help it. It hurt to realise im doing this in memory of you but i promise to make you proud on race day. Please watch over me and make sure i dont trip over! LOL.

Did you have a nice Easter? Hope so! I bought Mum an egg and i got upset cos for a split second i stood there choosing an egg for you before i realised.

Reggie is doing really well. he's become a proper little man and im so proud of him.

Well, i best be going. Hope you are ok where you are now, i guess so. we miss you so much but we hated seeing you in pain. Ive decided im coming to see you tomorrow cos im gonna be at Mums, will bring

something for you. Love you Dad xx

Michelle Juster

End of 2006

December 29, 2006

Dad,

This is the last time i'll get to a computer before the end of the year 2006. I cant believe the year I had my first baby was the year that you died. I cant believe that you wasn't here to see Reggie have his first Christmas. He's learning to walk now. He does it so well with the aid of his push along truck. I know you're watching though. I can still see your face in the reflection of the door when i had just had Reggie. You were so proud.

I really hope you had a nice Christmas with all the Angels and that you're looking after my baby Jooster for me. If you can, look over Hayley and Matt in 2007 and make them happy. You'll know what I mean.

Sometimes I find it hard to remember you and its weird how that happens. Sometimes I forget what you sounded like. Sometimes I see strangers in the street and for a split second think that its you. Sometimes I ring Mum and expect you to answer and to say that she is still in bed!

Love to all the other angels up in Heaven

Love Mich xx



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Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

October 20, 1941

Born in **United Kingdom Croydon** on **October 20, 1941**.

September 21, 2006

Passed away on **September 21, 2006** at the age of **64**.

February 26, 2007



ARTHUR EDWARD THOMPSON

Arnie was born on the 20th October 1941 to Ada and Bill Thompson, the youngest of quite a few kids!!!! They all lived on the Waddon Estate in Croydon. He never liked the name Arthur so most people knew him as Arnie!

He met **Frances** when he was 21 and she was 16. They married on July 2nd 1966 (oh yes, the year we won the football!!!!) and by the following year their first child was born, **Elayne Frances**. Within 13 months, Elayne had a new baby sister called **Sharon Lisa**. Two years later in 1970 **Yvonne Caroline** was born. Talk about being outnumbered by the girls! Poor Arnie!

They settled into family life with Arnie working as a lorry driver. In 1979 they had a new addition to the family, **Michelle Louise**. Now he was definitely outnumbered by the girls!!!!

Time went on and the girls grew up and along came the grandchildren.....you can guess.....the first 3 grandchildren were girls.....**Charlene Louise, Hayley Lauren-Marie and Leah Caroline!**

You can imagine Arnie's delight when the **FIRST** boy came into the family – **Reece Daniel**.....soon followed by **Thomas Michael Patrick**. Now we were on a roll with the boys because **Ronnie James** appeared six years later.....followed by **Bradlee**.....by this point I think Arnie was being overrun by the boys in the family!!!! When his youngest daughter Michelle became pregnant in 2005 everyone was expecting a girl 'cos surely you cant have that many boys in a row can you? **WRONG!!! Reggie Stanley** was born in February 2006!!!!!!

Not long after Reggie being born Arnie started to become ill. He was diabetic so at times he did get a little ill but this time we knew there was something else wrong. He used to love a pint in the afternoon but even began not wanting this. Arnie was going back and forth to the doctors and they kept fobbing him off with different diagnoses – it was gallstones, it was gout, it was stomach ulcers.....it was one diagnosis after another.....none of which were true. Even the emergency doctors and a hospital A&E department didn't give him the proper diagnosis he deserved.

Arnie was in such pain and still, no doctors took notice. It took until Frances took him back to the GP in a wheelchair because he couldn't even manage the 5 minute walk to the surgery. At last he was admitted to hospital on the 23rd August 2006, quite some months after going to the surgery complaining and begging to be admitted to hospital. They ran tests on him and a **WHOLE 2 WEEKS LATER** they diagnosed Cancer of the Pancreas and Liver.....all this time he had been getting turned away and he had **CANCER**.

As a family we went to have a meeting with Arnie's Consultant at the hospital.....we were told it was terminal.....they were sorry but there was nothing they could do to save him. My mum asked the consultant how long did Arnie have. The answer? Just days. You can only imagine how we felt knowing that. We don't think Arnie knew much of what was going on.....he was so dosed up on medication for the pain. Whenever we went to visit he tried to keep a brave face on and keep joking the way he normally did. It only hit home when a nurse asked if he wanted to be moved into a hospice. We had a hospital bed delivered to home in the hope Arnie was going to come home. My mum thought that it would be the best place for him to spend his last days, surrounded by familiar people and surroundings. It never happened.....after the struggle to get admitted to hospital, Arnie was too scared to leave the place. Arnie died on the 21st September 2006, 2 weeks after we were told there was nothing they could do.

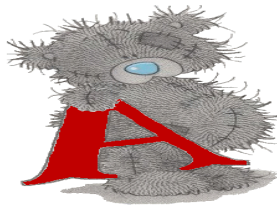
During his last days we tried to spend as much time with Arnie as possible. Every day he was just becoming more confused and so weak Arnie was such a joker and always liked to have a laugh and wind people up but he was just too ill to be the same old Arnie that we all knew and loved. It was awful watching him die the way he did.....in a way we guess it was lucky it happened fast because he wouldn't have wanted to be like that but on the other hand we were absolutely gutted because we wanted him to stay with us. At 6.50am on the morning that he died we had been called by the hospital to say they didn't think he was going to make it through the day.....2 hours later he had passed away with his wife and eldest daughter by his side. The rest of his daughters arrived just minutes after he had passed away.

Going to see him in the Chapel of Rest was one of the hardest things we, as a family, have ever done. Arnie was dressed in his favourite pin stripe suit and a red tie that he wore to Elaynes wedding. He looked so smart and handsome. We held his cremation service on the 4th October 2006, 16 days before he would have been 65. We played his favourite song, Blueberry Hill by Fats Domino on the way in and out and said a silent prayer whilst Blue Heaven by Fats Domino played. We hope we done him proud with the service that we chose.

In November 2006 we finally laid Arnie to rest in Queens Road Cemetery in Croydon. Finally he was at

rest and out of pain.

We miss him so much and wish this had never happened. He was the life of the family and it seems so quiet now without him. We hope he rests in peace and watches over us and keeps us safe.



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