



Arnold W. Friend

June 3, 1945 - March 2, 2024

Arnold W. Friend, 78, of Bobtown, Pa., died Saturday, March 2, 2024, in the Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, following a brief illness. Born in Denbo, Pa. on June 3, 1945, he was a son of the late Gerald and Hilda (Stoker) Friend.

A 1963 graduate of Mapletown High School, Arnold worked for Chico Dairy, starting out as a truck driver in 1963 until 1990, when it was sold to United Dairy. He continued on with United for the next twenty years, retiring as route supervisor in 2010. Arnold was an active and faithful member of the Bobtown United Methodist Church, having served 15 years as Church Treasurer, and overseeing the construction of the new Social Hall. Since his retirement from work, the church became his “full time job”, and he spent countless hours volunteering, and helping out there wherever he could. Arnold was well known throughout the area for his gift of writing a beautiful poem for any occasion that might arise. He also was a member of the Bobtown Senior Citizens, President of the Bobtown Sewage Board, as well as an “honorary” member of the United Methodist Women. He loved to shop, whether it was at the mall, the grocery store, or online. Christmas was a special time to him, and everyone in Bobtown knew when Arnold had decorated for the season. Surviving is his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth “Kitty” Friend, who he married on July 7, 1965; and three children, Michael Friend of Bobtown, Kelly Wilkins (Tim) of Bobtown, and Melissa Friend of Pittsburgh. Also five grandchildren, Amy Hughes (Kenny) of Carmichaels, Pa., Chelsie Wilkins (Stewart) of Mount

Morris, Pa., Shaylie Wilkins (David) of Spraggs, Pa., Marissa Friend of Pursglove, W.Va., and Dakota Nichols of Morgantown; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Aubrianna, "Prince" Aaron, Asher and Carter; two sisters, Janet Koast and Lana Henderson, both of Davistown; a number of nieces and nephews, and many, many friends, all of whom he considered not just friends, but extended family.

Also deceased are two brothers, John Friend, and Clayton Duane Friend. Friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, on Thursday, from 2 – 4 and 6 - 8 PM, and again on Friday, in the Bobtown United Methodist Church, from 11 AM, until the 1:00 PM hour of service, with Pastors Gale Cobb and Ed Hanley officiating. Interment follows in Highland Cemetery, Davistown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the Bobtown United Methodist Church, % Donna Billetz, 208 State Route 2011, Dilliner, PA 15327.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Steel Hill Road
Mount Morris, PA 15349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
rishel@atlanticbb.net
<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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501 Morgantown Street
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Visitation

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bobtown United Methodist Church
700 Crescent Avenue
Bobtown, PA 15315

Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Bobtown has lost their own Poet Laureate. Many of his poems, brought me laughter and tears. I told him many times, he had a gift from Heaven. Arnold will never be forgotten. Sympathy and prayers to the family. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Carol Spearen - March 08, 2024 at 08:06 AM

SL

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to all his family. Im certainly going to miss his beautiful poems, his God given talent.*

Susie Lemley - March 07, 2024 at 08:27 AM

DD

“ *To my friend Kitty, her children and grandchildren. My heart goes out to all of you. I think back and remember when my father passed, it was life changing. Your lives has changed also. Your father and mother taught you to be good decent Christian adults. I am sure you make them proud. I wish I could have written a poem for Arnold. I will miss him. BOBTOWN will miss him, rest in peace Arnold, my sympathies.*

Denise Desmet - March 06, 2024 at 11:59 PM

JS

“ *We are praying for the family at this difficult time. Arnold always so very kind to our mom. He will be missed always waving to mom as he drove by. The Popernack family*

Jeanne Stacy - March 06, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Friend.*



March 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Melissa,*

I am so saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Please know I am praying for you and your family.-Meghan Schwab

Meghan - March 06, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Friend.*



March 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *Sad for the familys' loss of a sibling. My prayers out to all. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.*
Love, Rosie

Rosie Campbell - March 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KM

“ Melissa,

I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort during these difficult times. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Kristyn Massafra



Kristyn Massafra - March 06, 2024 at 09:19 AM

KR

“ My fondest memories was the decorating he used to do to his house.. no matter where we lived we came home at Christmas and that's the first thing we did was come see his house🥰🥰🥰 later I got to know him through Facebook and learned of his strong faith. You inspired me Mr Friend . I'm sorry Lana Henderson for losing your brother..

Kim Bellis Riggleman - March 06, 2024 at 07:42 AM

RF

“ Randy, Joanne, and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arnold W. Friend.



Randy, Joanne, and family - March 05, 2024 at 11:49 AM

AC

“ Accelerated C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold W. Friend.

Accelerated C. - March 05, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Friend.*



March 05, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Friend.*



March 05, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Arnold sure will be missed. Is faith in God was unmeasureable. Thinking of all the damiky at this time and in the days to come. Our deepest of sympathies*

Tracy - March 05, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ *Brian B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold W. Friend.*

Brian B. - March 05, 2024 at 07:28 AM

BB

“ Brian B. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Arnold W. Friend.



Brian B. - March 05, 2024 at 07:28 AM

MW

“ Mindi W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold W. Friend.

Mindi W. - March 04, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ John, Cliff, Autumn, Amelia & Parker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arnold W. Friend.



John, Cliff, Autumn, Amelia & Parker - March 04, 2024 at 10:22 PM

BM

“ Brittney Menear planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold W. Friend.

Brittney Menear - March 04, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Friend.*



March 04, 2024 at 08:57 PM