James Lee Arnold Obituary

James Lee Arnold (Jim) was born on July 13, 1929 to the late Isaiah was born on July 13, 1929 to the late Isaiah and Pearl Arnold at their home in Wyoming, OH. He lived 84 years and had 5 sons and 3 daughters. He died on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Piedmont Fayette Hospital in Fayetteville, GA.

Jim grew up in Wyoming, OH and attended elementary thru high school there. He was very active in sports (track, basketball, and football) during those years. Upon graduation, Jim attended Wilberforce University.

In 1951, Jim began his service to our country in the Air Force. He served in the United States as well as Madrid, Spain. Jim was a veteran of the Korean War. He ended his service in 1959 with an Honorable Discharge.

Jim was married to Helen Louise Groves from 1952 to 1961 and had one daughter, Cheryl Anne, and one son, Jaime Lee Arnold.

Jim became a Christian later in life and was ordained to the ministry on January 29, 1967. He graduated from Cincinnati Bible College in 1969.


Jim had been preaching minister to churches in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Georgia. He also ministered as a prison chaplain in Dwight, IL. He spent many hours in volunteer service at Christian service camps, men’s retreats, and Christian City in Fairburn, GA.

He, also, taught Spanish at two of the local senior multipurpose facilities. Jim loved to sing the Lord’s praises and often did so thru solos, singing with the Voices of Praise (a group with Jim, Betty, Joanna and Judith Arnold and Jessica Smoot) and, most recently, as part of the Praise Team for Lester Road Christian Church. Most of all, however, Jim loved to teach and, especially, to preach God’s Word.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, twin brothers who died at birth, and another brother, Howard Arnold. He is survived by his wife, Betty, his sons: Jaime (Gloria), Joshua (Amanda), Joseph, Jason, and John; his daughters, Cheryl, Joanna, and Judith; his grandchildren: Sharmia Rogers; Jessica and Jasmine Arnold, Jamal and Jeremiah Hawk; his great-grandchildren: Terrion, Tony, Jadah, and Jarece; his brothers: Isaiah and Clenant (Ellie) Arnold; and his sister Rozetta Roberts. Jim, also, leaves a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends to mourn his death but celebrate his victory in Christ.