



## Stephen J. Arneson Obituary

July 10, 1939 - January 18, 2009

Stephen John Arneson, 69, of Leesburg, died Sunday, January 18, 2009 in Panama City Beach, FL. The graveside service will be held at 11 AM Thursday at Crown Hill Cemetery with Military Honors. The Rev. Connie Bramlett will officiate. Mr. Arneson was born in LaCrosse, WI, he grew up in Albany. He graduated from Albany High School in 1957. Mr. Arneson served in the United States Army with a tour in Korea. He received his MBA in Economics from the University of Georgia and then did further graduate work at Florida State University. Mr. Arneson was an Associate Professor of Economics at Albany Junior College. He was a charter member of Lutheran Church of Our Savior and the Albany Sertoma Club. Mr. Arneson was preceded in death by his father, Major O. Arneson. He is survived by his loving wife, Joann Roark Arneson of Leesburg; his mother, Lydia Arneson of Albany; a sister, Carolyn Purrier and her husband Steve of Albany; two nieces, Jennifer Johnson and her husband Kevin of Macon, and Kimberly Purrier of Americus; three great-nieces, Abigail Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, and Kaitlyn Johnson, all of Macon; and special caregivers, Elaine Lee, Lutrica Ball, Patrick and Angela Wingfield, and Diane Deese. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Wednesday from 5 PM until 7 PM. You may sign the online guestbook and share your own special thoughts and memories with the family of Mr. Arneson by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com). Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702, Albany Humane Society, 1705

Oakridge Dr., Albany, GA 31707, or to the Lee County Humane Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen J. Arneson Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Oh, I am so saddened to hear of Mr Arneson's death. He taught me in economics at AJC and he and I used to tell jokes and make the class laugh!!! He was such a sweet man and very smart and sometimes he would kiddingly tell me "Knox, I don't want to hear your jokes today", but I told them anyway! My prayers are with you and your family. Sally Knox, AJC:1981, UGA:1983*

**Sally Knox** - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *A friend for 60 years...60 years of memories.*

**Bill Watson** - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Pam & Proctor Johnston** - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Joann, We are so sorry for your loss and yet at the same time certain in our knowledge that Steve is with God surrounded by total love and joy. It has been many years since we have seen you and Steve, but we will always remember his kind and gentle manner, his courage in the face of his illness, and his warm and friendly personality. Know that you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Steve.*

**Mary and Jim Mauldin** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I was one of Mr. Arneson's students @ AJC back in the early 80's. I always sat right up front and so enjoyed his class. I think I was a favorite of his - as I shared his mother's name. If he quoted once, he quoted it a thousand times...There's no such thing as a free lunch. I'll always remember him fondly.

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**Lydia Livingston** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ He was a wonderful friend in school and I am sorry not to have kept in touch. He will be greatly missed.

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**Verdie Goolsby Bullock** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Joanne, I am so sad to hear of Steves death. I fondly remember cleaning out the house on the creek, and evenings with the two of you, just sitting and talking. I know that you and the kitties will miss him.

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**Sally Webster** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family...cherish the memories...

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**Jack Sadler** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I remember being in Mr. Arneson's economics classes at Albany Jr College. he is the one who encouraged me to study Agricultural Economics at the University of Georgia. He had a way to make learning fun and interesting. He will surely be missed by his friends and family.

*John Bullock  
Albany, GA*

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**John Bullock** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Steve and I have known each other for over thirty years. During his long illness, he took great comfort in knowing that he was being cared for and included in the activities of his friends and family. I believe he knew that he was beloved. I hope that his family members will find comfort knowing that Steve is remembered fondly.

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**Richard A. Sakornbut** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Joann,  
I am so sad to hear about Mr. Arneson but I know he is at peace now and I know God will give you peace and comfort as well. He taught me at AJC and he was such a sport. I miss our chats at Merrill Lynch. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Cindy Drew** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ It is so wonderful to read the comments from those of you who knew my uncle and remember him as a teacher, classmate, and friend. He is missed but he is at peace. My Uncle Steve is in heaven right now, looking down on all of us aside my beloved grandfather, Major Arneson. He had a good hand leading him home. Aunt Joann, I love you. Your heart and strength filled his life with love to last an eternity.

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**Kim Purrier** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Family, You and yours are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Dottie Sandison Bridges** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Joanne, we have been thinking of you during this time of loss. May God bless you.

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**anita lord** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Steve & I shared an office at Albany Jr. College/Darton College for 17 years. He was a wonderful man with a quick wit. He dearly loved his wife, mother, father, & sister & cared deeply for his other family members & friends. We will all miss him so much.  
Phiny

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**Phiny Musgrove** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I remember Steve as being so much fun - my love to his family.

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**linda leeger stokes** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Every spring, when the wild azalea that you and Steve gave Phiny and me so many years ago, is in bloom, I think of you both. It is still beautiful!

Steve was one of the great conversationalists in this world, and I loved to talk to him. The world is not as much fun without him, but I am glad he is now resting in peace!

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**Ken Musgrove** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. May you know the peace that God has now given to Stephen. That he has now entered into a better life joining Major in watch over you and keeping you safe in God's love.

John and Marlene Allen

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**John & Marlene Allen** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are very saddened by your loss. Steven was a special person. We know he is with the Lord. Diane give us daily reports. We will continue to Pray for you & the Arneson Family.

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**Talmadge & Pam Sizemore** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

W5

“ I am saddened by the news of Steve's passing but at the same time I am greatly encouraged by the grace of God that gives us salvation through Christ Jesus. I trust Steve has gone on to be with God and one day we will join him there and forever be with the Lord. My prayers are with the family that is left behind. May you find comfort in your love for God and each other and in the memories of Steve.

Waymon Kimbrel

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**Waymon Kimbrel 57** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Please accept our sympathies in this time of loss. May God grant you all peace and courage. Joanne, you and your family will be lifted up in special prayer.

*Robert and Linda (Edwards)*

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**Robert and Linda Wells** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Got Bless

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**Norris and Peg Wynne** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Steve helped me through Mrs. Juhan's Spanish class and was a good friend. I sorry he had such a struggle with MS and I regret that I didn't see him more.

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**Charlie Hancock** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We are so sorry about Steve's passing. He was a very unique individual and a wonderful neighbor during our years in Leesburg. He will forever live in our hearts. Joann, Lydia, and family, you are in our prayers.

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**Tom and Carolyn Batts** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ steve was a friend in school. i remember him well and am saddened

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**george sperry** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ i did not know steve, but joann is a rock, a wonderful person.

jonnie holley douglas - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Joann, I was saddened to hear the news of Steve's passing. You were indeed a loving wife which was apparent over the past several years by how intently you looked after and cared for him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fran Carlton - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ Mrs. Arneson I am so sorry for your loss. Diane always spoke so highly of you and Steve. I even had the priviledge of meeting Steve one afternoon and he was so sweet and gentle. I greatly admired his bravery as he struggled with MS. I will keep you in my prayers.  
Yvonda Humphrey Greene

Yvonda Humphrey Greene - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Joann you have been such a trooper and loving wife through so many years. My heart aches because of your earthly separation from Steve. But we all knew that this ending would be his cure. May God comfort you in the coming weeks.

Bill Copelan - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family. Steve was a friend in school and I'm sorry that we've lost another classmate from the class of'57

Patsy Melvin Donnelly - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Sorry to hear of the families loss. What a wonderful gift the family is presenting to our heavenly father. Although I never knew Mr Arneson, I did graduate with Joann. Class of '62

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**Barbara E.Anderson Robinson** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ First, Steve helping Major at the store would bring the secret (bottle of Sherry) to my grandmother and great aunt?s car at one of Albany?s first business drive through. He brought the purchase and their change out when their blue car arrived. He was so sweet to them.

Then as AJC (now Darton) librarian, I helped research many interesting topics. He taught me a lot through his gentle Economy explanations. He had a marvelous way of simplifying any financial situation on Town and Country or WALB-TV News. What a beloved teacher he was! How I wish he could have helped us make sense of recent governmental and national financial crisis.

I praise the family and sitters for their loving caregiving. My sincere sympathy to all for the loss of such a great man.

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**Elizabeth Champion** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am very sorry to learn of the loss of your Stephen. It saddens me that we have lost another member of the "Class of '57." My best to the family.

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**Carolyn Vaughan Holiman** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Joann. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Marie*

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**Marie Moseley- Arnold** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Joann,

*We are so sorry to hear about Steve. I know he suffered a lot and now he is fully healed. I guess it's just human nature, though, to want to keep a loved one with us. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know. I know this will be a big transition for you and we will be praying for you. Of course, we will help Jennie with the girls so she can be there as much as you need her. Thinking of you.*

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**Johnny and Gloria Johnson** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Hi, I graduated from high school with Steve. He was a great friend. I am so sorry to learn of his passing.

*Sincerely, Jackie Clayton*

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**Jackie Doyal Clayton** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I will not be able to attend the funeral but you will be in my prayers.

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**Bill Satterfield** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ In early 70s, I had the opportunity to take two economics courses given by Steve @AJC. Even tho I wasn't fond of economics, as a bus. major had to. Steve not only had book smarts, had mucho common sense smarts. It has been several yrs that I seen Steve, I'm sure he's giving a class in econ. in GOD MANSION. GOD BLESS YOU MRS. ARNESON. By the way I did make "C" in both courses and proud of that too. Rick

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**Rick Turner** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Joann, Lyd and Carolyn..I am very saddened.I have so many great memories of all of the cookouts that our families had. Steve had endured so much, but was so lucky to have had Joann in his life. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Carol

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**Carol Gibbs Hayse** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Never thought the day would come so soon. But we know he is in a better place now with the lord,his struggle is over now. Mr.Arneseon was like a uncle to us and he is greatly missed by The Wingfield Family .We will miss the days we went and helped the family out and the 4 yrs we spent with the Arneson Family IN LOVING MEOMORY OF Stephen Arneson WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!!  
~LOVE MIRACLE WINGFIELD~

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**The Wingfield Family** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Steve. I love you and I will have you in my prayers.I'll call you. Jane

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**Janae Crates** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I always recall Steve as a youngster, so bright, articulate, and good humored. I'm sure he's already a heavenly asset. My sympathy to his loved ones.

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**Barbara Able Burton** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Our family will keep you in our prayers. You all have done so much for my sister over the years, and I know she loves you dearly. She spoke highly of Steve and cherished every moment she spent helping care for him. He helped her feel important and special. I am grateful for that. In loving memory, Amy Sizemore Graham

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**Amy Graham** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Joanne,  
My heart aches for you. Tom will be so sorry. He thought Steve was the best teacher he ever had. Love, Kay

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**Kay Getz** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.  
In loving memory,  
Joan & Everette Williams

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**Joan Williams** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Love and hugs to you, my friend.

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**Julie Paruolo** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family, friends, and especially to Steve's wonderful caregivers.  
It was my honor to know the Arneson family for about the last 35 years.*

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**Margarett Paruolo Stephenson Coleman** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM