

Arnold (Arnie) E. Stumvoll



Arnold (Arnie) E. Stumvoll, 83, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2016 with his loving wife and family by his side.

Funeral services for Arnold E. Stumvoll will be held Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at St Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, followed by interment at the Highland Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:00 p.m. at St. Raphael's Parish.

Arnold was born Nov. 8, 1932, in Underwood, ND to Frank and Agnes (Krenz) Stumvoll. He was raised in Max, North Dakota and graduated from Max High School in 1951. Arnie married his best friend and the love of his life, Viola (Vicky) Ulrich, of Underwood, on June 27, 1956. They would have been married 60 years this year. To their union five children were born: Dean (Sally) Stumvoll, Oakton, VA.; Robert (Barbara) Stumvoll, Libby, MT.; Barbara (Fred) Willis, Billings, MT.; Elizabeth (Breck) Probst, Tuttle, OK.; Jacqueline (Patrick) Murphy, Oklahoma City, OK.

Arnie and Vicky meet when Vicky would go to her grandparent's farm during the summer. Vicky's grandparents lived a short distance from Arnie's parents, so they knew each other when they were young. Vicky's uncle Denise and Arnie were friends for many years, so when Arnie was batching he managed to show up at Vicky's grandparents' house just in time for dinner. Vicky's grandmother Helen always felt that they would make a wonderful match!

After many years working on the farm and dairy business in North Dakota, Clarence Freise and Arnie decided to purchase a bakery business in Glasgow, MT. Than in April 7, 1970 Arnie and two partners opened Arnie's Electric and in 1980 Arnie and Vicky bought out his partners and continued to extend Arnie's and Vicky's existing life partnership to now also include a business partnership. Even though Arnie retired in 1996 he continued to enjoy his time with Bob (who bought out Arnie's Electric) and Stumvoll Electric. He lived his life with commitment and integrity to God, his family, his friends and the community.

He loved to hunt & camp with family and friends, work in the yard, play cards, a Sunday drive with his family and a cold glass of chocolate milk. One of his greatest hobbies was making furniture out of wood for his kids and grandkids. We all have a beautiful piece of furniture that he crafted with his own hands.

While we deeply mourn his untimely passing and search for understanding, we are thanking God for what his life meant to us. He gave us all he had. He was a wonderful provider, a deeply loving husband and loving father to both his wife Vicky and their children. Arnie and Vicky raised their children to be loving, compassionate, and respectful people. His motto was "Life is good." He was fierce in his love and protection of his family and friends. For all those whom his passion and kindness touched, we are grateful. He loved helping others. No matter how you came to know him, he left a mark on you in some way.

Arnie was a man who had been a light in so many lives. He was half of the couple that proved that true love didn't just exist in fairy tales. He was a hero to many and a man that changed so many lives for the better. He was a man who epitomized what it was to fight for what you want, what you have and what you need but also reassured you that you would never fight alone, as long as he was there.

We were blessed to call him husband, dad, grandpa and friend. We will spend forever remembering him, missing him, and NEVER forgetting how blessed we were having him in our lives. We love you

and until we meet again.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Stumvoll, Agnes Pflipsen and Hubert Pflipsen; grandson Joshua Stumvoll; brother-in-law and friend Don Kostelecky.

Survivors include his loving wife, Vicky; 5 children, Dean (Sally) Stumvoll of Oakton, Virginia, Robert (Barbara) Stumvoll of Libby, Montana, Barbara (Wm. Fred) Willis of Billings, Montana, Elizabeth (Breck) Probst of Tuttle, Oklahoma, Jacqueline (Pat) Murphy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 14 Grandchildren, Ryan Stumvoll, Ashley Stumvoll, Brittany Stumvoll, Haley Stumvoll, Justin (Abi) Stumvoll, Katie (Brendon) Byrne, Rick (Amy) Stumvoll, Mike (Melanie) Willis, Angie (Doug)Just, Brandy Schaffer, Eli Probst, Wyatt Probst, Katelynn Murphy, Lexi Murphy; five siblings - Alice (Phil) Moon, Rosemary Bratten, Judy (John) Reading, Doris Moore, and Dwight (Shelley) Pflipsen; Sister-in-law Lucy Kostelecky ; Brother-in-law Alfred (Barb) Ulrich and many cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.