



## Douglas E. Arnold

October 31, 1915 - July 12, 2009

Clinton, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Douglas Ellison Arnold, 93, of the Presbyterian Home, Clinton, South Carolina, who entered into rest Sunday, July 12, 2009, will be conducted Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Dr. G. Daniel McCall officiating. Private family interment in Pineview Memorial Park.

Born on October 31, 1915, Mr. Arnold spent his childhood in Easton, PA. He was the son of Thomas Ellison Arnold and Lillie Mae Getz Arnold. He had four brothers, Elwood, Lorainne, and Karl. Born into a family where music was important, Mr. Arnold developed into a fine vocalist; music was a life-long love. His early schooling and work were in Easton. He entered the Army in March, 1941. While participating in military maneuvers in Chester, SC, he sang at Purity Presbyterian Church. Invited home for lunch by a local family, he was smitten by the family's young daughter, Paula. In spite of his lineage as a "Pennsylvania Yankee," love conquered and they would marry in 1944. They would have 5 children: Doug, Ed, Melanie, John and Bill.

In WWII, he served initially as an engineer, constructing air bases on Ascension Island. He participated in the D-Day landing at Omaha Beach. He would rise to the rank of captain in the Army and was a member of the 1139 Engineer Combat Group under General George Patton. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and surveyed Buchenwald prison camp. After the war he

was put in charge of 5 Bavarian coal mines in spite of having no knowledge of mining. The military assumed that because he came from Pennsylvania, he would know something about coal mining. By war's end, he had been awarded 4 battle stars, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He was mustered out of the military in October, 1945. He and his bride moved to Pennsylvania and he attended Lafayette College in Easton. He graduated in June 1949 with a degree in chemical engineering. Recalled to military service, he posted in Korea in June, 1951. He participated in the Inchon landing and received another Battle Star for his service in Korea.

After the Korean War and again a civilian, he was offered a job in January, 1953, as a Shift Supervisor working for DuPont at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, SC. The family moved to North Augusta and Mr. Arnold would work for DuPont until he retired in 1978.

Mr. Arnold was a long-time member of Fairview Presbyterian Church in North Augusta. He was a cornerstone of the choir and an eager participant in any theatrical presentation at the church. He served as deacon and elder for several terms. He taught Sunday School and was Sunday School superintendent after his retirement. He never surrendered his

love of the King James Bible. Along with his musical ability, he was known for his sense of humor—sometimes subtle, at other times raucous. He loved to travel and visited every state in the Union. He and wife Paula made several international trips; he bequeathed his love of travel to his children. An avid outdoorsman, he assisted with Boy Scouts. A member of the North Augusta Country Club, he eschewed technology and kept his old putter with its wooden shaft. An amateur woodworker, he frequently frustrated himself with his own

perfectionism when working on furniture.

Doug and Paula moved to the Presbyterian Home in Clinton, SC in 1995. They continued to travel and visit with family for several years. Mr. Arnold is predeceased by his wife, who died in 2004, and by his son, Ed, who died in 1966. He leaves a legacy in his children and their families: Doug and Barbara Arnold; Melanie and Tim Howie and his grandchildren Rebecca (and husband, Jamie), Amanda, and Sarah; John and Sheila Arnold; and Bill and Beverly Arnold with his grandchildren Brandy, Chris, and Hannah.

The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fairview Presbyterian Church Choir Fund, 1101 Carolina Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841 or to the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, 2817 Ashland Rd., Columbia, SC 29210.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.poseyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Residence following the service**

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fairview Presbyterian Church  
1101 Carolina Ave  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas E. Arnold*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Douglas E. Arnold*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *jerry fulcher##imported-begin##tommie bailey##imported-end##*

July 23, 2009 at 07:43 AM



“ *I wish I could be there today with you all, to remember in person all the good times we had together.##imported-begin##Cathy Field##imported-end##*

July 16, 2009 at 12:18 PM



“ Dear John,  
We were so sorry to hear about your father's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. From the obituary, it was obvious that he was a special person. I know that you will sorely miss him. My last day of summer school is tomorrow and I can not attend the service. Fredna and I are planning to attend the memorial in Clinton on Saturday. If there is anything that we can do for you, please call.  
Sincerely,  
Angela Powers  
Eastminster Presbyterian  
Columbia, SC###imported-begin##Angela, Davis, and Layton Powers###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 10:11 PM



“ To the Arnold Family, May each of you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) Take care,###imported-begin##valerie thompson###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 01:02 PM



“ Mr. Arnold's son John is my friend of nearly fifty years vintage. So I have known his father Doug for most of my life. Mr. Arnold's incomparable obituary speaks for itself; he was an American hero with his bright star fixed prominently and permanently in the firmament of the Greatest Generation. I knew him as a doting husband and father, and the dad of my best friend. Mr. Arnold's warmth, abiding sense of humor and unquenchable tendency towards pranks were legendary in North Augusta. He never bragged or harped on his personal accomplishments, although he had much to brag about. His patriotism, his love for family and friends, his faith, and his marvelous spirit never diminished or faltered. Like all who knew him, I loved him and revered him. Doug Arnold and his lovely wife Paula are fixed in our collective memory for all the right reasons.##imported-begin##Douglas K. Kotti##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Family, I'm so sorry to hear about your father's death. He always had such a wonderful sense of humor and was full of historical knowledge. Our mother, Jeannette Harvin who just died on July 4th, was also a long time resident of the Presbyterian Home. We would often quote the saying on Doug's door: "Smile, it confuses people!" Your father actually was living in the room our mother occupied before she moved to the Hospice House in February. Thinking of you during this time of sorrow and transition. Sincerely, Leila H. Klessmann##imported-begin##Leila Harvin Klessmann##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 09:26 AM