



Mr. Arthur Arnold James

January 23, 1938 - September 16, 2020

Masks are required while in the building viewing, and for all funeral and graveside services.

A Private Memorial Service will be held for Mr. James.

Arthur "Arnold" "Arnie" James, 82. Passed away in Oklahoma City, OK on Wednesday September 16, 2020 surrounded by family. He was born to Mary Joseph and Theophilus James on January 23, 1938 in St. Peter Parish, Antigua.

Arthur's journey would take him across the globe.. While in Antigua busy making a name for himself as a Chef, Arnold had two daughters, Doreen James (Texas), and Vanetta James (Oklahoma). Years later he would venture to the Virgin Islands, it was here that he met and married the mother of his two sons, Roberto James & Michelle James (St. Croix) and Enrique James and Alicia George (St. Croix). While in St. Croix he opened a restaurant – Pot of Gold, and was known as one of the best Chefs around. Years later he would meet and marry the mother of his two youngest daughters Cathy (Oyvinn) Eriksrud James (Norway) and Ingerid (Sjur) Eriksrud James (Norway). He would later live over a decade in Norway after which he settled in Hartford, Connecticut. He worked for Beth Hillel Synagogue as a Facility Superintendent for 20 years.

Arthur frequently traveled back to Europe, to the UK and throughout the U.S. He leaves behind a legacy that stretches across the globe. He will be truly missed by everyone.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Our Beth Hillel family mourns the passing of our dear and loved friend Arthur. He would always be in our hearts and his family in our prayers. May G-d continue to bless you all.



Madalyn Levy - September 25, 2020 at 04:29 PM

CJ

“ Oh Grandpa....my heart is in a million pieces 💔. As your oldest grandchild, well technically second by 8 minutes but who is counting, we had a special bond. I just loved everything about you. We were so much alike in many ways. The first ones up and definitely the first ones to go to bed no matter what was going on. You always looked out for everyone and kept us all laughing. Never ever a dull moment when you were around. I loved that you were always on the go. Sitting in the house wasn't your style and even the last time I saw you in person you told me to find you, mom, and DJ tickets to Norway. I called you guys many a times telling yall to sit down somewhere like I was the parent only to be met with that smile and laugh. Boy I'm going to miss that laugh. Going to miss seeing you so happy surrounded by the love of all your grandkids and great grandkids. You were everyone's Grandpa. The coolest Grandpa ever. The still going to the gun range and shooting an AR-15 Grandpa. The still cooking everyday and sending me home with food Grandpa. The going back and forth with mom all day like yall were a married couple Grandpa. You had me all to yourself and that was okay with me. I'll love you forever Grandpa and whatever is beyond that. Until we meet again. XOXO Cita

Cita James - September 23, 2020 at 10:19 PM

CJ

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Cita James - September 23, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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Cita James - September 23, 2020 at 08:45 PM

RK

“ I only knew Arthur for 1 1/2 years, the last of the existence of Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield, Connecticut, but in that short time I grew very fond of him. In particular, I was always heartened by his bright smile, good humour, and warm embrace of everyone he met. May his loving soul rest in peace, and may God comfort you in your loss. --Rabbi Gary Karlin

Rabbi Gary Karlin - September 23, 2020 at 06:56 PM

CJ

Thank you Rabbi Gary

Cita James - September 23, 2020 at 09:49 PM

MG

“ My name is Mark Goldberg. I was a Board member of the Beth Hillel Synagogue. I was also in charge of preparing most of the meals that were served to the congregants after various religious services. I always had many congregants who became my assistants. I had no idea about Arthur's culinary past. One day I was preparing a particular meal that I was not familiar with and I asked Arthur's help in getting the taste just right. He was a very humble man and even though he and I became very close friends he was still reluctant to overshadow me with his cooking skills. However, he did taste my creation and started to make some suggestions. I immediately realized that he was someone I should listen to and learn from.

Arthur and I became very close friends. Even after the Beth Hillel Synagogue merged with a larger synagogue and the building was sold Arthur and I stayed in touch. He often called me just to say hello and how are things going. He was such a gentleman and always had a smile even when he was not feeling well. I will miss him! May he rest in PEACE!

Mark Goldberg - September 23, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CJ

Thank you for your kind words Mark. We are definitely going to miss that smile 😊

Cita James - September 23, 2020 at 09:50 PM

AG

I am Alan Goodman the 2nd to the last president of Beth Hillel Synagogue. If you needed something done Arthur was there to help To fix something or cook in the kitchen or give an opinion.

I was so happy that I got to talk to Arthur before he got sick. I will miss those calls. May he rest in peace and I know God will look after him.

Alan Goodman - September 25, 2020 at 03:52 PM