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William "Bill" Arnold, 69, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2026, in Leesville, Louisiana. Born on May 27, 1956, in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, Bill lived a life defined by devotion to his family, his craft, and his faith.

Bill proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years, completing specialized training to work on submarines. This experience instilled in him a sense of discipline and precision that carried into his professional life. As an Electronics Technician for Valiant Integrated Services, Bill's technical expertise and meticulous attention to detail were the hallmarks of a career that spanned decades.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill was a man of many talents. A gifted musician, he found profound joy in playing the bass guitar, particularly during worship services at church. His quiet strength and rhythmic talent provided the foundation for countless moments of spiritual connection within the congregation. For Bill, music was more than a skill—it was his passion.

Bill's adventurous spirit extended to the open road, where he found clarity and freedom as an avid motorcycle enthusiast. Whether riding through winding roads or simply enjoying the journey, he embraced life with a sense of wonder and courage that inspired those around him.

Above all else, Bill cherished his family. He was a devoted husband to Marsha Arnold and took immense pride in being a father to James (and his wife Sarah) Arnold; Chaz (and his wife Brittani) Hagan; and Tara Hagan. His role as a grandfather brought him unparalleled joy as he lovingly supported Shannon Risinger, Anneliese Arnold, Jadyn Slaney, Waylon Pollock, Keygan Hagan, Noah Pollock, and Harleigh Hagan.



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Bill is also survived by his brother Ron (and his wife Joy); bonus siblings Cody (and his wife Rachel) Burns and James (and his wife Lawanda) Cole; father- and mother-in-law Jerry and Adrian Smart; brothers-in-law Darrell (and his wife Angie) Woofter, Bradley Smart, and Eric Fryer; and numerous extended family members who will forever hold him in their hearts.

He was predeceased by his parents Milford H. Arnold and Anneliese Auguste Peters Arnold; his brother Milford H. Arnold Jr. (and his wife Sandra); his sister Sandra Arnold Fryer; and Susan Brando, his first wife.

Bill's legacy is one of love, music, faith, and adventure. He will be remembered for his gentle kindness, unwavering devotion to those he held dear, and the courage to follow his passions wherever they led. His presence was a steadying force in the lives of many—a man who lived with purpose and shared joy through every note he played and every mile he traveled.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Christian Living Fellowship on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. to honor the memory of this remarkable man who touched so many lives. A visitation will be held on Monday, 16th from 5:00 P.M. until time of service at the church. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him and inspire others to live with the same passion and grace that defined him.



Events


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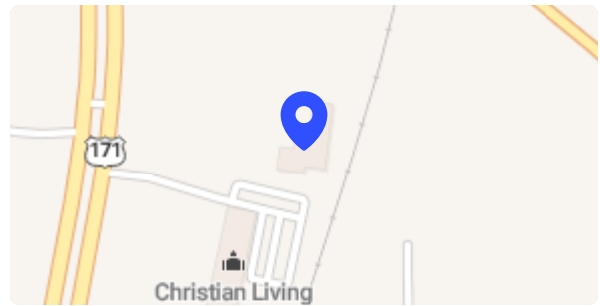
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Visitation

 **Monday**, March 16, 2026

 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT


 **Christian Living Fellowship**
12955 Lake Charles Hwy, Leesville LA 71446



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Brittani Hagan lit a candle in honor of William.

Mr. Bill, You were truly one of a kind. You had a love for music and a way of living that was so real and unapologetically you. You taught all of us—especially your grandkids—that the best thing you can be in this world is yourself. It didn't matter what any of the kids did, you always found the humor in it. You laughed with them, made them feel seen, and brought joy into even the smallest moments. And when they needed it, you were honest with them—but always from a place of love. That's something they'll carry with them forever. You weren't just part of our lives—you were part of our everyday. Someone we could count on no matter what. Whether it was driving an hour and a half to practices twice a week, or showing up to every single ballgame no matter how far, you were always there. That kind of love and dedication doesn't go unnoticed—it meant everything. I'll never forget the trips to Lamberts, watching the kids throw rolls and laugh, and seeing you right there with them—even when I knew you weren't feeling your best. That's who you were—someone who showed up, no matter what, and made life feel fun and easy just by being there. You left a mark on all of us, but especially on your grandkids. I hope they always remember what you showed them—that being themselves is more than enough. You will always be missed, always be loved, and never be forgotten.



March 28 at 10:19 AM



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March 16 at 1:29 PM



Gerald M. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Arnold family.



March 14 at 7:55 PM



Gerald M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



March 14 at 7:55 PM



Amber Cherry posted:

I love and miss you!

March 14 at 4:35 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Arnold family.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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