



Arthur William "Art" Boxleitner Jr.

December 1, 2017

Arthur William "Art" Boxleitner, Jr., of Willow Street, PA passed away of natural causes Friday, December 1, 2017 at Lancaster General Hospital. He was 81 and one of the Christian faith. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Arthur William and Ruth Adalaide (Wise) Boxleitner, and enjoyed 56 years of marriage to Barbara Ann (Stallings) Boxleitner.

Art grew up in the Cabbage Hill neighborhood of Lancaster and was a 1956 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the late 1950s. Upon returning to civilian life, he established a career as a renowned artist and sign painter. In addition to many independent commissioned art and sign projects, he also worked for Donovan Smith Associates, Penn Advertising, and later, Millersville University. In the 1980s, his artistic passions led him to attain notoriety as a decoy maker, with his works being sold in countries throughout the world. He was a life member of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.

An ace hunter and fisherman, Art was a second generation member of the East Lampeter Township Gunning Club situated in one of his favorite places on earth, Tioga County. He was also passionate about conservation and preservation of the outdoors, once pointedly stating, "I'm against any kind of progress."

As a youngster and a teenager, Art was a standout in baseball and football,

honing his skills on the sandlots on the property of what is now Lafayette Elementary. As a young adult, he coached the Willow Street Wolverines football squad, and even designed their vintage helmet logo used in the 1970s and '80s. He also coached one of the two girls' softball teams in the town's inaugural year of the sport. But his greatest sports passion was for baseball, coaching for many years for Willow Street and Rohrerstown.

He grew up a Brooklyn Dodgers fan and remained a loyal follower even after "Dem Bums" moved to Los Angeles. He was also an epic story teller. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons: Jon Arthur Boxleitner, of Lancaster, Andrew, husband of Rebecca Boxleitner of Millersville, Erik Boxleitner of Surfside Beach, SC, a daughter, Joy, wife of James Craun of Lancaster, and seven grandgifts, Bailey Boxleitner, Alexander Boxleitner, Mercy Boxleitner, Autumn Bradley, Isaak Boxleitner, Jordan Boxleitner, and Jonas Boxleitner. He was preceded in death by a son, Adam William Boxleitner and a brother, David Boxleitner.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Arthur's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Jay Frey officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening December 6, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Thursday at The Groffs from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Lancaster, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Arthur's memory may be made to Bryn Mawr Rehab, 414 Paoli Pike, Malvern, PA 19355.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur William "Art" Boxleitner Jr.*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 05, 2017 at 03:47 PM



Partrice Buntema

This was absolutely a beautiful tribute to a man that lived his life to the fullest. Enjoyed getting to see a glimpse of a man I really didn't know that well.

Partrice Bunteman-Martin - December 10, 2017 at 09:28 AM



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I just found out about your loss of Art, He was my best friend and a great guy with a fun outlook on life, When we were stationed on the island of Okinawa in 1958 at camp Hague 12th Marines. Art, Larry Gowett and myself Earl Taylor were best friends, I lost track of Art and Larry when I was transferred to a heavy weapons company at a different base of camp Kinser with the 3rd Marines when the 1958 Lebanon crisis occurred, I often thought of Art and our time in the USMC after all these years but didn't know how to reach him, I have pictures of Art, Larry and Myself if you don't have any of him on the island, Art and Larry were like my two older brothers because they were 3 years older and watched out for this younger 18 year old farm kid, My name is Earl Taylor address is 5410 State Road 37 North Martinsville, Indiana 46151 and again I am so sorry for you losing your husband and father of your children.

Earl Taylor - March 31, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ Arthur William "Art" Boxleitner Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk, and not faint.*
I see Arthur fulling this scripture standing in the presence of our Lord.
May God continue to bless you and your family with his peace and love as you journey through the loss of your loved one!
Shirley Wilk

Shirley Wilk - December 06, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *The U.S. Marine Corps has the best rifle training program in the world. Art was a good shot with a rifle. Art went through the Corps' rifle training in boot camp. Art's shooting skills worsened during this training. Evidently, Art's method of shooting was better than the Corps'. Phyllis and my most prized home decor item is a pintail duck decoy carved and painted by Art. It was a joy to play sports with Art and the Cabbage Hill boys on the fields of Lafayette school. Before and after the games we played, we sat and visited on the backyard patio at Wise's. Quite often, there was wild game hanging in the English walnut ready to be skinned by Art and his brother, Dave. Thanks for being a part of many good memories growing up on the Hill! Jake Eckenrode*

jake eckenrode - December 06, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 05, 2017 at 02:39 PM

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“ *It's Sad to read that Art passed away. When I was 16 years old in 1964, Art taught me how to properly shoot a rifle and introduced me and a number of others on the fine points of reloading ammunition. I hunted with Art and his brother Dave many times in the 60's. I remember them like it was yesterday.*

Rick Keen - December 04, 2017 at 06:30 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Boxleitner. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I will forever remember Mr. Boxleitners grin, and his laugh when I used to come to your home to hang out with Adam, and Joel McFalls when we were a just a tad younger. Until we all meet again. R.I.P. Mr. Boxleitner.*

Bob Rinier - December 03, 2017 at 03:42 PM