

# George H. Arnold

## 1940 – 2022

George H Arnold of Overland Park, KS. passed away peacefully on April 9, 2022, at Kansas City Hospice in Kansas City, Mo. George was born on September 21, 1940, the son of the late Ansel & Claire Arnold. He married Diana Williams on September 16, 1961, in East Hartford Connecticut and was married 53 years. Diana passed away January 29, 2015. He graduated from Connecticut's East Hartford High School in 1959. George was a Descendent of the Founders of Hartford Connecticut., and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a Survivor of the July 6, 1944, Ringling Brother's circus fire in Hartford Connecticut.

George enlisted in the US Navy in 1959 and for eight years he served on a WWII diesel, nuclear powered guided missile, and fast attack submarines as a sonarman. In 1972 he joined the Connecticut Army National Guard as a Sergeant First Class managing state radio frequencies until 1976.

Upon leaving the Navy, George worked for the US Underwater Sound Laboratories in New London, Connecticut as an Underwater Systems Engineer. The next 40 years George worked for three Telecomm companies; ITT, GTE and Sprint as a network manager and engineer. He retired from Sprint in 2010 with two US Telecomm patents.

George Co-founded the New London County REACT in Connecticut that worked with the US Coast Guard plus the Kansas Opera Theater Company with titles of the CEO, Board of Director, and Opera Singer.

George also held club officer positions in Lenexa masonic Lodge #135; Ankara Grotto; Central States Grotto Assoc; Overland Park, Kansas VFW Post 846; USSVI Topeka-Jefferson City Base; International and Kansas State Masonic High Twelve Clubs, and Kansas Deputy Trustee for Wolcott Foundation. In addition, George received the Care of Poor People (COPP) Compassion Award and Commissioned as an Honorable Kentucky Colonel by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear for his numerous volunteer work spanning over 20 years.

George enjoyed fishing, cooking and being a barbeque judge for local events.

Survivors include daughter Susan Burnham, granddaughter Rachel Burnham with Joshua Franzen, a son Joseph W., his wife Jennifer, grandson Kyle and wife Samantha, great-grandson Lucas, granddaughter Savannah Crouse and husband Traven Crouse, step grandchildren Zackery, Megan, Makenzie, and three brothers David Arnold with wife Marge, Clyde Arnold with June and Arthur Arnold with wife Charlotte, numerous nieces, and nephews in Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Kansas City Hospice House [Make a Donation - Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care \(kchospice.org\)](#) or University of Kansas Cancer Research <https://tinyurl.com/bdemrh7x>