



Arnold Person

August 3, 1932 - May 9, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel Arnold Leonard Person, Arnie or tail code Silver Fox, passed away on May 9th, 2017. A veteran of the Korean and Vietnam War, he was a decorated career Air Force pilot. Arnie Person was born on August 3rd, 1932 in New York City, NY, to Swedish immigrants, Martha and Nils Person. He spent his formative years in Sweden before returning to the U.S. at the age of seven. His 25-year Air Force career began as a noncommissioned officer, before entering officer training school, and then becoming a regular commissioned officer in 1968. A devoted husband, father, and officer, Arnie met his beautiful wife at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. After just six weeks of courtship they married in 1955. As a result, his devoted wife, Lorraine, and four children, Katherine, Ingrid, Leonard, and Michael chased him around the world. Between flying missions for bombers, spy planes, transports and medevac's, Arnie had his finger on the pulse of Military, Strategic, and Technical Air Command. He and his family's unique adventures made them citizens of the world, uprooting the entire family to 12 different locations. These included: Altus AFB, OK, Dyass AFB, TX, Plattsburgh AFB, NY, McConnell AFB, KS, Maxwell AFB, AL, Syracuse University, NY, Lackland AFB, TX, Dover AFB, DE, Yokota AFB, Japan, McGuire AFB, NJ, and Anderson AFB, Guam. After his retirement, Arnie was an avid reader, swimmer, political junkie, and enjoyed separating his time between beaching in Clearwater, FL, and hiking the mountains of Blue Ridge, GA. Husband, father, and grandfather, he always had an enormous heart for his family. Arnie

is survived by his wife, Lorraine; children, Kathy Zangen, Ingrid Cordell, Len Person, and Mick Person; grandchildren, Steven Erekson (Kate), Lindsay Knoblock (Adam), Erica Fox (Taylor), Rainey Cordell, Michele Zangen, Alex Person, Molly Cordell, Charlie Person, Bridget Person, Dan Person, and Ellie Person and immediate family, brother, Stanley Person. After a long eight-month battle from a pacemaker complication, Arnie peacefully returned to his Creator. Funeral Services will take place at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens, 5050 S.W. 20th St., Ocala, FL 34474 on Friday May 12th at 2:30 PM with a visitation preceding the service at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Gainesville Fisher House, a respite for family members while their Veterans are hospitalized. Checks should be made out to Gainesville VA Fisher House, Gainesville VAMC, 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lt. Col. Person was my commanding officer while I was in the US Air Force and assigned to the 43rd Transportation Squadron. He was a great commander and cared about his squadron, the mission and the people. Rest in peace sir.*

Paul Spagnolo - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Dear Person family,I am very sorry for your loss. In Revelation 21:4 it gives us these encouraging words. It says "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore the former things have passed away."*

Kelsey - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My heart and prayers are with you all at this time. What a light he was to so many. I was honored to have met him in the last months. May God's grace help guide at this difficult time, and help you through this. He is at peace and no longer suffering. Love to all the family, Juli*

Juli Tedeschi - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Rest in peace Arnie. Your swimming buddy,Art*

Art DiStasi - May 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I MET THIS WONDERFUL MAN FOR THE FIRST TIME SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN THE NORTH GA. MOUNTAINS WHEN I WAS VISITING MY FRIEND AND HIS DONNA LEHR AND HIS WONDERFUL WIFE LORRAINE. I FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN THIS COUPLE. THE WORLD HAS LOST A GREAT MAN. LORRAINE AND FAMILY MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME.

rosalee whitley - May 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM