



Arnold J. Woods

September 14, 1946 - March 13, 2025

Arnold James Woods was born on September 14, 1946, to Almarean (Orr) and the late Joe Woods. Later he was blessed to have a “second father” in James Sweeney. Arnold was born in New York City, NY. He grew up in the Bronx and attended Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. He was an altar server and received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School. Arnold loved sports. He played baseball and ran track, which earned him a track scholarship to attend the University of Michigan.

Arnold spent the majority of his working career as a hospital administrator at Beth Israel Hospital. He was in charge of outreach programs, which he felt were very necessary for the community. Arnold was also a part of a group known as The Best of Friends. This popular group provided social entertainment, dancing and music in several clubs in Manhattan and Queens. After retirement Arnold worked at the Marriott Hotel in Long Island. Arnold also served in the United States Army Reserves.

His most enduring relationship was with his current life-partner Phyllis Johnson.

Arnold leaves to mourn Phyllis Johnson (life partner), his mother Almarean Sweeney, two sisters Sheila (Gary) Smith and Lisa Sweeney. He leaves four

nieces, Nicole Farmer, Jenelle Stewart, Karesa (Antoine) McLean and Katrina Sweeney. As well as six grand nieces and nephews, Jayla, Maliah and Sydney Farmer and Amaya, Antoine Jr., and Ayana McLean, a great-grandnephew Acelione McLean, and a godson Alan Cameron. He also leaves a host of cousins, other relatives and special friends.

God called Arnold home on March 13, 2025. He passed at Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord.

Lovingly submitted by the family

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church
136-20 219th St.
Springfield Gardens , NY 11413

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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136-20 219th St.
Springfield Gardens , NY 11413

Burial

MAR 28 (ET)

Greenfield Cemetery
650 Nassau Rd.
Uniondale, NY 11553

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Hi family,

I am so sorry to hear about my funny and amazing cousin Arnold. He was always full of so much life and just had a huge love for our family. Arnold to me was always the life of thr family with such a sense of humor. He's in a peaceful place with my mother and father and I know that they welcomed him with open arms. I love you all so much and prayer for you daily 🧡

Donna Brown - March 30, 2025 at 08:18 AM

NM

“ *Nia & the family in MD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arnold J. Woods.*



Nia & the family in MD - March 28, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ *Mr. Arnold always had a pleasant spirit about him. I will truly miss seeing him whenever I visited my family in NY. I pray that his spirit will continue to surround us and the memories live through us. God please carry and hold my NY family through our great loss of this wonderful man.*

Jannia (Nia) Mitchell - March 28, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ With deepest sympathy, sending our sincere condolences. You're in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time. Hold on to the wonderful memories you've shared together, may they continue to bring you peace and comfort. We love you all from cousin Coretha, Myra, & Lori



Myra Skinner - March 28, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BH

“ With heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Sending love and remembrance of Arnold. May God meet you in the silence of your heart and wrap you in the comfort of his peace. Sending love and caring thoughts your way. Love Bernadette

Bernadette Howell - March 28, 2025 at 09:13 AM

DB

“ Dear family,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Arnold. I have fond memories of him, from my younger days, as I spent time with you guys, on my visits to New York, from Philadelphia. Many years have passed since I have seen all of you, but, there is no time limit on precious memories. Please know that I mourn your loss with you.
Sending much love, cousin Debbie Burton, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Deborah Burton - March 27, 2025 at 11:52 PM

LO

“ Sending loving thoughts and prayers to our dear cousins. Wishing you comfort during this difficult time and may God grant you peace that exceeds all understanding. With Love, Coretha, Lori, Myra and Family

Lori - March 27, 2025 at 10:09 PM

LR

“ Dearest Alma and Family. Words can't express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. May the love and memories you shared with Arnold comfort you during this difficult time. We love you dear cousin. Xoxo
Linda & Carol

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Linda Roberson - March 27, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DM

“ To Mrs. Sweeney and Family,

From our family to yours, we would like to express our condolences to you and your family.

From Price, Doris
Olivier, Mitchell Family

Doris Mitchell-Olivier - March 26, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LM

“ I loved the way Arnold laughed and joked around when he was happy.



Loretta Mayfield - March 26, 2025 at 04:06 PM

SS

“ You gave me hope that, no matter what, we can always find a way. I loved the way you always came in with a smile, a joke and many "tall tales!" You were always the life of the party. I remember when you bought me my first leather coat when I was in 9th grade. I remember how you waited outside for me to come from a party, past my curfew. Then we would enter the house together and tell mom I was with you! We had our ups and downs. We could argue all day! Then we would agree to disagree and move on. I love you brother dear, and I will miss you. May you rest in peace with our Lord.

Love your sister. Sheila

Sheila Smith - March 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM