

Mr. Arnold L. 'Arnie' Ogren

Mr. Arnold L. "Arnie" Ogren, 78, of Mount Airy, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at Copper Ridge Institute in Sykesville, following a nine-month battle from a stroke. He was the loving husband of Iris Y. (Sis) Ogren, his wife of 54 years.

Born Nov. 24, 1931, in Marcus, Iowa, he was a son of the late Fritz W. and Ethel Pearson Ogren.

Arnie was a star basketball player at Washta High School in Washta, Iowa. He continued playing on men's recreational leagues until he was 50 years old. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a 50-year member of Gold Star Post 191, American Legion, Mount Airy. He was very active in the American Legion bingo from its inception until declining health in 2009.



Arnie was an avid Orioles and Ravens fan, was a member of the VFW-Mount Airy, Calvary United Methodist Church, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son-in-law and neighbor.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Lori Kidwiler and husband, Jim, of Boonsboro, and Cynthia Knode and husband, Rick, of Wake Forest, N.C.; a brother-in-law, Everett Runkles and wife, Dottie, of Hanover; two grandchildren, Dylan and Erica Knode; one brother, Robert W. Ogren of Venice, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Ann Anderson and Carol Grauer, both of Cherokee, Idaho, and Linda Kardy of York, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Eddie and Alberta Runkles; and two sisters, Arlene Kimball and Shirley Ryan.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the funeral home. His pastor, the Rev. Dennis Yocum of Calvary United Methodist Church will officiate. Active pallbearers will be Tim Runkles, Jim Kidwiler, Rick Knode, Dylan Knode, Brian Hood and Glenn Thompson. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Devault, Fred Baker, Dick True, Mason Wilburn, Manny Quinones, Peg Quinones and Allen Brown.

Interment with military honors will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Mount Airy.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions to Copper Ridge Institute, Sykesville; Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department; American Legion Post 191; or Calvary United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at MolesworthWilliams.com.