



James W. Armstrong

August 3, 1923 - November 2, 2004

James W. Armstrong, 81, of Syracuse, New York passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2004 due to a sudden illness.

James was born August 3, 1923 in Winslow, Pennsylvania the son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Maughan) Armstrong. He was a resident of Syracuse since 1954 after moving here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He founded Auto Damage Appraisers Inc. which he ran for over 30 years and was still employed there until his death. He was formerly Claims Manager at General Motors Insurance Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was also a former partner of Wilcox Travel Agency in Syracuse.

Jim served during World War II in the Field Artillery for 3 ½ years. He served in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy and fought throughout Europe during the war. He was honored with the Bronze Star for Bravery and five Battle Stars including Battle of the Bulge.

Jim was very active in the community as a member of the Dewitt Kiwanis Club where he served twice as President. He was a member, Past Master and presently Chaplin of Fayetteville Central City Lodge 305 F&AM. He was a former member of the Syracuse Claim Organization, IADA and American Legion. He was an avid sportsman and had many memories and experiences on the St. Lawrence River where he and his wife raised their family at their

summer home on Wellesley Island.

Survivors: Wife of 56 years, the former Rosemary C. York; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Debra Armstrong, their six sons, Brett, Chad, Jamie and Ross Armstrong and Lt. Don and Adam Piron; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Christine Armstrong, their three children, Brandon, Ashleigh and Aryanna; several niece and nephews.

Services: Saturday, November 6, 2004, 9:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home.

Burial: Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 4069 Howlett Hill Road, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Friday, November 5, 2004, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

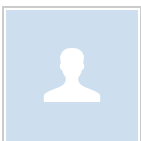
Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. Armstrong*

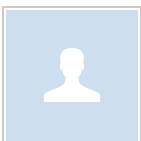


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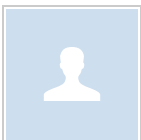
“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD, I love you & miss you..... mark*

August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, 5 years are you kidding me. I can't belive I lost you 5 years ago! I am very sad! I can't belive I have to live my life without you. You are gone but will never be forgotten. Christine the kids and I talk about you often, it still seems like yesterday the last time you gave me one of your giant hugs and a big smile! I LOVE YOU,and MISS YOU DAD! PS Ashleigh DRIVES!*

November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy Birthday Dad! I miss you!! Christine, and the kids talk of you often with all our memories with you. It's hard to understand that we must go on without you. I still and will always miss our talks! DAD.. where are you? HA HA. I miss that, may God bless you, Love Mark*

August 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Grampy's!! =Jl'm watching tv and i decided to write to you. I miss you sooooo much!!!! My family's good... we already have our Christmas tree up!!! And it's only November 11!!! And my Dad spent all day putting up all of our lights! It looks soo nice! How are you doing? I am fine. I'm in Hlgh School now, 9th grade!! It's going great!! Well, I 'm going to go and finish watching tv. I love you soooooooooo much Grampy's!!!!!! I wish you were still here so that I could play cards with you again and Aryanna could do your nails and Brandon could play football with you or watch tv. We all miss you Grampy's!! I love you!!!! Ashleigh

November 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“HAPPY BIRTHDAY MY DARLING JIMMY. I KNOW YOU ARE UP THERE SMILING AS YOU SIT THERE WITH OUR LORD AND MY DAD AND MOM AND YOUR DAD AND MOM, NOW THAT YOU ARE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN. I KNOW YOU ARE HAPPY TO BE THERE, YET YOU ALSO KNOW HOW VERY MUCH YOU ARE LOVED AND MISSED BY ME AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY. THIS WILL BE A DIFFICULT DAY FOR ALL OF US AS WE REMEMBER YOU ON OTHER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS. THERE WERE SO MANY BIRTHDAY CAKES WITH CANDLES, AND GIFTS, AND JOY AND LAUGHTER. WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THOSE THINGS EXIST TODAY. THERE IS ONLY GREAT SADNESS AND LONLINESS IN MY HEART, YET I CAN ALSO REMEMBER THE HAPPY TIMES, SO MANY OF THEM, SO MANY YEARS TOGETHER. I KISSED AND HUGGED YOUR PICTURE TODAY JIM...THAT IS ABOUT ALL I CAN DO. I WILL BE THINKING ABOUT YOU ALL DAY WITH A VERY HEAVY HEART, BUT TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY, BECAUSE IT IS THE DAY YOU WERE BORN IN 1923, THE BEGINNING OF THE LIFE OF A TRULY WONDERFUL MAN, LOVING SON, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND FRIEND. ALL OF US ARE REMEMBERING YOU TODAY DARLING. I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH AND WILL NEVER STOP MISSING YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING TO ME IN MY DREAMS LAST NIGHT, YOU DID MAKE ME LAUGH! IT WAS ONLY THE SECOND TIME YOU HAVE BEEN IN MY DREAMS SINCE YOU LEFT ME, PLEASE COME THERE MOVE OFTEN? HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM, AND I WILL TOAST YOU TONIGHT AS I HAVE A GLASS OF WINE, JUST AS WE ALWAYS USED TO DO WHEN YOU CAME HOME FROM WORK! YOUR PICTURE WILL BE ACROSS FROM ME AT THE TABLE, SMILING AT ME. I LOVE YOU DEARLY.YOUR MOST LOVING WIFE, ROSEMARY

August 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“My dearest Jimmy.... This is Memorial Day, May 29, 2006. I am honoring you, my hero, today, just as I did when you were still here with me. I have the picture of you receiving the Bronze Star on the kitchen counter, along with a little flag, votive, and red roses. Yes, I am remembering you, just as I do every minute of my life since you left me. The days seem to be getting longer now, and the loneliness more profound. Time does not heal all wounds as the old saying goes. All weekend I have watched Memorial Day programs, honoring veterans who have passed away, many of them making the ultimate sacrifice for their country. They are our true heroes, yes, but all of the men and women who fought and suffered in times of war are our heroes. We are asked to remember all of you, and to be thankful, and to get your war experiences out before you pass away. Your stories deserve to be told. They are so right. I am so glad I put your story in writing Jim, and I am so thankful that I did it while you were still alive. I remember when you read it, tears flowing down your cheeks. You asked me how I knew all of that information about your time in the service, and I merely said to you... "From you!" As you talked, I mentally recorded it, and then wrote it all down. I am so thankful I did. It will be a part of our family history now, and I know it was the greatest event in your life, as you always told me. I know you lived with your war experiences every day of your life. I remember seeing you in your chair, night after night, watching the Discovery Channel or the History Channel where they showed documentaries and film about WW2. You never tired of watching the film about WW2, especially of the D-Day Invasion which you were a part of. You were in every battle in Europe, from June 6, 1944 until Germany was defeated in the summer of 1945. I know your war experiences shaped you to be the man you were, totally thankful to be a living, patriotic, uncomplaining human being. You told me many times that NOTHING that you had ever faced in your life AFTER WW2 was as frightening or horrible or as uncomfortable as those experiences. You never complained to me about anything in your life, not even when you had three cancer operations and other illnesses that hospitalized you. You always told me... "Look, I'll make it, I lived through the war!" You were really a

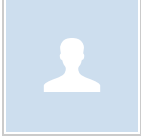
tough guy Jim, and certainly MY HERO. Yes, today, as I do every day, I will honor you for laying YOUR life on the line, for me, and for the rest of us. Thank you Jim, I love you dearly, and I always will. I will NEVER stop missing you. Your most loving wife, Rosemary

May 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



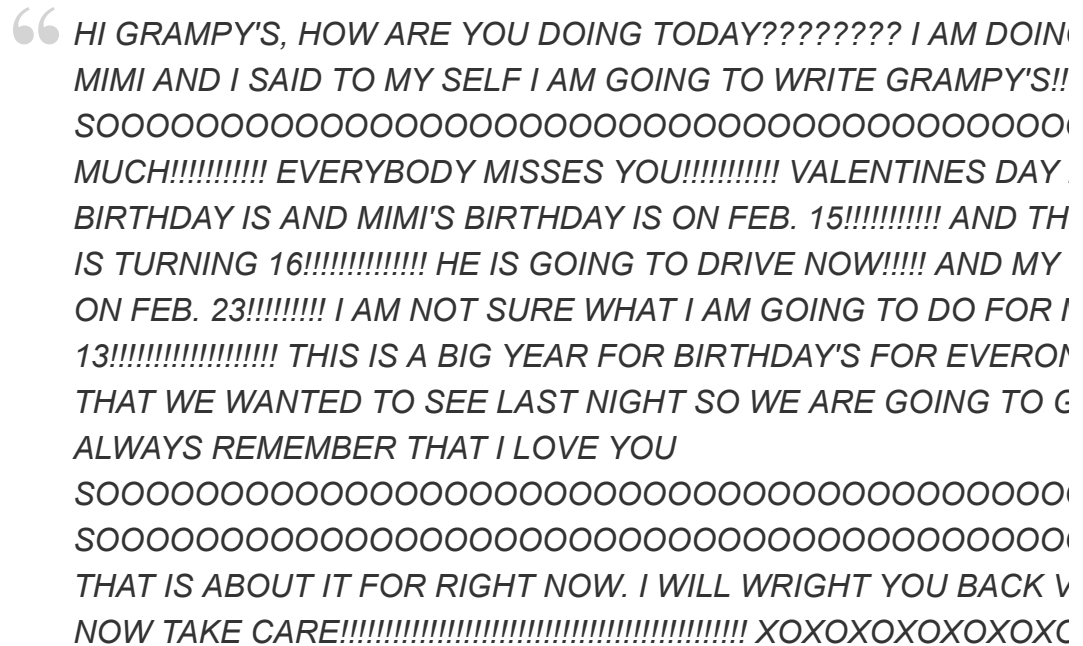
“*My dearest Jimmy..... I visited you today at the Veteran's Cemetery, and I was so proud of you. Deb and I took flowers, and a little flag, and a red, white and blue votive, and felt close to you as we stood by your final resting place. The flags were all out, 2700 of them, and most of the graves had beautiful flowers placed there by loved ones. It really did look peaceful and seemed like hallowed ground with all of the veterans buried there. Many people were there, walking around the graves, reading the names engraved on the stones. their loved ones. I just wanted you to know that I was proud to be there, just as you and I used to go there together for Memorial Day Observances. I had you on my mind all day today, thinking about my hero. I love you. ""Ro""*

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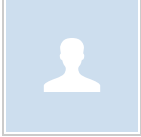


“ Jimmy my love..... I just wanted to thank you for visiting me in my dreams last night! I have been waiting and waiting for you to come there so I could see you once again! After 15 months, it finally happened! It was a very short visit, we were in Wegman's shopping and ran into Gould Wheeler! He had just bought a HUGE container of chocolate-nut ice-cream, and invited us over to his home to have some. He remembered how much you loved chocolate! I know you probably have reunited with your friend Gould in heaven. Both of you were such tall, handsome and dignified men! In the dream, he hugged and kissed both of us, and you got tears in your eyes over his show of emotion! How I loved seeing you again, hearing your voice Jimmy. I know you feel bad that I am so lonely for you now, but I also know you are patiently waiting for the day when I will join you there. I am as well, I do miss you so, I love you so. When I came to write to you just now, I see that out little Ashleigh has written to you! Is that why you came to me in my dream??? I'll bet it is!! As she said, we all miss you so, and will certainly miss you next month as we celebrate all the birthdays! We talk about you all the time darling, you will NEVER be forgotten! We all love you too much, we all miss you too much. Please don't wait so long to come to me in my dreams again??? Thank you. All my love.... Until we meet again, "Ro"

January 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM



January 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Jimmy.... Here it is, January 1, 2006, another year of living without you has begun. It is hard for me to think Happy New Year, because I wonder how I can ever feel happiness without you in my life. I still haven't accepted your leaving me behind, even when I think of you, I think of you smiling down upon me from heaven above. Yes, I know you are in a better place, with your Maker above and all of your departed loved ones. I wish sometimes I could be there too, but I am not ready to leave my loved ones behind, our two sons and our grandchildren. They have helped sustain me through my sorrow, even though I know they too are hurting inside because you are not here with us. We all love you my Jimmy, as you very well know, and all of us will try in 2006 to carry on and bear our burdens well as you would want us to do. We thought of you a lot during Christmas and Christmas week. I put your green tie with the little Christmas trees on your chair with your picture, you were with us. Everyone remembers that Christmas tie, how you wore it every year on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I will treasure it forever. Please keep watch over us in 2006 my Jimmy, and ask God to please help to keep me strong so that I can go on until HE calls me home. I love you so much Jimmy, it will never stop, nor will any of us EVER forget you. Your most loving wife...Rosemary, your "Ro"

December 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“Merry Christmas my darling Jimmy. I know you are happy this Christmas morning, singing up in heaven with all the other angels. My Christmas is another sad one, just like last year because of your empty chair. I did get our your green Christmas tie, the one with all the little Christmas trees on it and put it over your chair. Your picture is there as well. As I had my breakfast today, I listened to Christmas carols and pretended you were sitting in your chair wearing the green tie and a white shirt. You looked so nice, as you always did on Christmas. I don't really need any photographs of you Jim because there are so many that have been stored away in my mind. Oh how I miss you! Pure and simple. The loneliness just doesn't diminish at all. I did get to see the entire family, and believe me, you are in everyone's hearts and minds. ALL of us miss you terribly, we just love you so much. I know you were watching as we all celebrated Christmas, remembering the birth of Christ. You are so proud of all of us, I know. Mark and Christine's home was so beautifully decorated, and they all looked so wonderful, you can be proud of them. I know you would have enjoyed all the delicious food Christine prepared! Deb and Keith had their first Christmas party in their new home, and it was lovely. All the kids were there, except Donnie of course, but Stephanie was there, and we all remembered him. All of us donned Santa hats, including the two dogs, and we had our picture taken that was emailed to Donnie in Iraq. He had his own Santa hat there and a little Christmas tree, so that was nice. Deb had a wonderful buffet, and that food disappeared in a hurry with all those hefty appetites! All in all, the best part of Christmas was just being with my family where they all made me feel loved. They all love their Grampy too, I know, because I can see the sadness in their eyes whenever your name is mentioned. Yes Jim, as that old Christmas song goes, "It's a Blue Christmas Without You"... remember that? I don't care about a white Christmas anymore, it is always going to be BLUE from now on. I will keep you in my heart forever Jim, even though it is like a rock there, hanging there, letting me know every day that because you are gone, my life has changed dramatically. But you can be proud of your entire family because of how much they love you and because of their

consideration for me. We will all keep you in our thoughts and prayers Jimmy, until we can all meet again in heaven. I love you so much. Your loving wife Rosemary, who was always so proud to have you say, "my wife Rosemary"

December 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ HI GRAMPY'S!!!!!!!!!! HOW ARE YOU DOING? TODAY IS THANKSGIVING!!!! MIMI IS COMING OVER TO HAVE DINNER AT MY HOUSE WITH US!!!!!! IT WILL BE ALOT OF FUN!!!!!!!!!! BRANDON GOT HIS HESS TRUCK!!! THIS YEAR IT IS A FIRE TRUCK!!!! IT IS REALLY COOL!!!! ALSO I HAVE A GAME CUBE NOW, A GAME CUBE IS A GAME SYSTEM THAT YOU CAN PLAY TONS OF GAMES ON IT SO THAT IT REALLY COOL!!!! EVERYONE MISSES YOU GRAMPY'S!!!!!!!!!! ALSO GUESS WHAT?????? I GOT MY NEW TAP SHOES YESTERDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THEY LOOK GREAT!!!! I HAVE TO GO IN ON MONDAY TO PICK THEM UP BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO HAVE TIME TO PUT THE TAPS ON. SO THAT IS PRITTY MUCH IT. I WRITE MIMI EVERY DAY!!!!!!!!!! SHE IS DOING GREAT!!!! SHE MISSES YOU ALOT BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I LOVE YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I HOPE THAT YOU ARE HAVING A GREAT THANKSGIVING IN HEAVEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I KNOW THAT IT IS MUICH BETTER THEN OUR'S!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!!!!!! ALSO I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT MY DAD WENT TO SEE YOU AT YOUR GRAVE YESTERDAY!!!!!! HE PUT UP A WREATH FOR YOU FOR CHRISTMAS AND FOR THANKSGIVING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WELL I WILL TALK TO YOU LATER!!!!!!!!!! I LOVE YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TAKE CARE GRAMPY'S!!!!!!!!!! I AM GOING TO PICK UP MIMI RIGHT NOW!!!!!! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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November 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



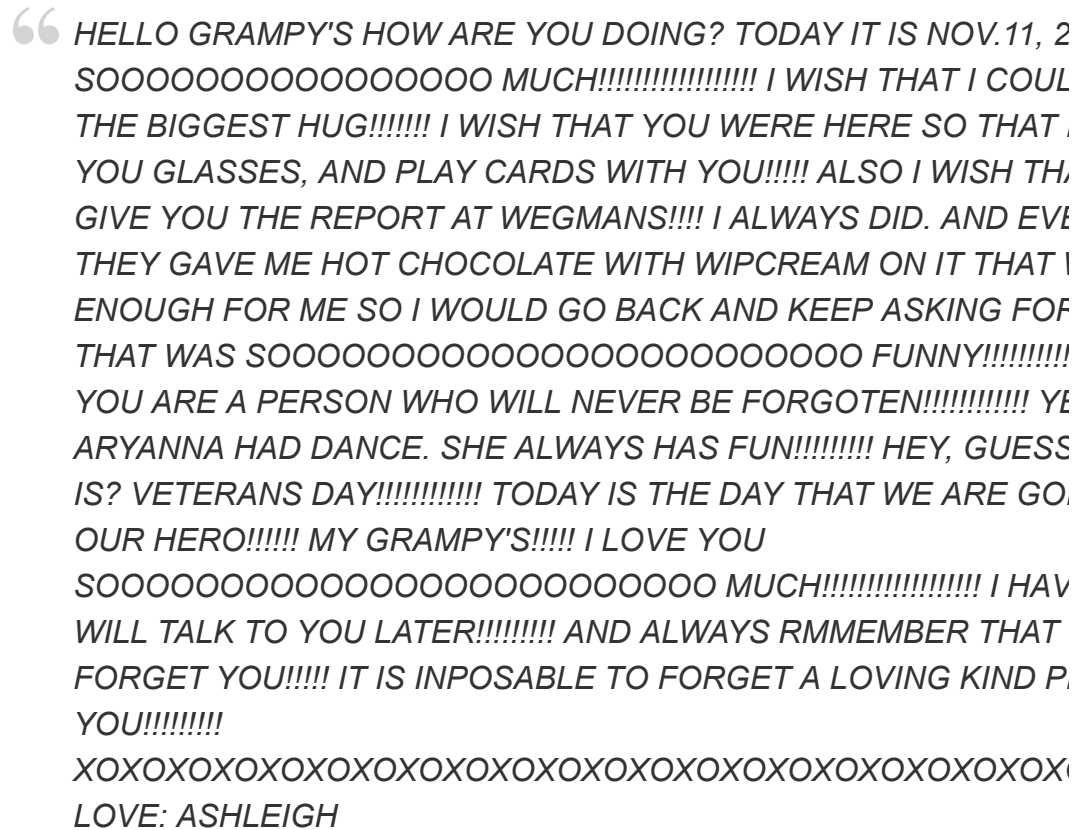
“ My Dearest Jimmy.... Thanksgiving Day is here again, November 24, 2005. This is our second Thanksgiving without you, and you certainly are dearly missed. You will be at my side when I have dinner with Mark and Christine and Brandon, Ashleigh and Aryanna. Yes, you will be there with us Jim. Never a day goes by that I don't miss you...how I long to hear your voice and hear you laugh, feel your touch. I still feel very strange going out without you. You were at my side for 56 years, and now you are gone. But I am thankful for the many wonderful years we had together, how I loved you from day one in November, 1945. I am so thankful also for all of the happy memories of our lives together. They sustain me daily, and many times as I remember the happy times, I cry. They ended too soon. Yesterday I heard a song that made me cry... Tony Bennett singing ""Someone To Watch Over Me"".... ""there's a somebody I'm longing to see, I know that he, will turn out to be..... someone to watch over me""...I know you remember that beautiful song, we used to dance to it. Yes, you watched over me, always, and now I have to watch over myself. I am thankful to have Keith and Mark and their families nearby, but still, even they cannot fill the void here in my home and heart. Half of me is gone now, and the other half of me is crippled in many ways, like a bird with just one wing. I will be going to Mark's soon, but remember how much we all love you, and even though I know you are in a much better place, I still wish I still had you by my side, today and for the rest of my life. I love you, forever Jimmy. Your most loving wife... Rosemary

November 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My darling Jimmy, my hero... Today is Veteran's Day again, November 11, 2005. I remember last year, visiting your final resting place, just five days after your grandsons carried you there. It was snowing, a damp, wet snow, and Mark, Christine, Brandon, Ashleigh, Aryanna and I stood in the mud there, staring at a spot marked only by a tiny plastic marker. We placed flowers on your gravesite, in the mud, and lit a candle, held hands, and prayed for you and for our family. I guess you know by now how much you are loved, and how much you are missed. I know you did not choose to leave us, that it was God's will, your time to go to your final reward, which you so richly deserved. It was easy for you, the way you left us, so quickly, no suffering, and looking up into the faces of Keith and Deb, Mark and Christine, and your Ro. Your eyes twinkled up until those last few seconds, but I saw you look at me, telling me goodbye. It hurts terribly Jimmy, but all of us certainly have wonderful memories of your happy face and the love you shared with us. We all have happy stories, sad stories, and funny stories, although I must admit it is difficult for me to find much to laugh about these days. I know you are watching over all of us, I know you love us and will do all you can for us with the help of the Lord who is next to you. We NEED your help my darling hero. Today, I put out all the flags, just as I always did, and I have your picture receiving the Bronze Star on the counter, along with a dozen beautiful pink roses, a little flag, and a pink candle. I want so badly to come to the cemetery to be with you today, but as you know, I could never find my way there and back safely. So, I want you to know that my heart and soul are with you today, and every day. You always were and always will be my hero, and I am so proud to have been the wife of such a patriotic American who laid his life on the line for the rest of us to be free. I will always be, forever, Mrs. James W. Armstrong, and YOUR Ro! I love you Jimmy. Rosemary

November 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



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“My darling husband Jimmy.... A year ago today, right now, you were carried to your final resting place at the Veteran's Cemetery by your grandsons, Brett, Chad, Jamie, Ross, and Brandon and two step-grandsons, Captain Don Peron and Adam Peron. It is a day each and every member of our family will remember the rest of their lives. For me, it was the beginning of an empty life without you, just indescribably sad and lonely. I will never stop missing you and the void in my life that started a year ago just widens with each passing day. Jimmy, know that you are loved so completely by all of us. You were a wonderful and loving Dad to Keith and Mark, a grandfather who loved all of your grandchildren and was so proud of all of them. Each of them were very special to you for different reasons. Your grandsons kept you informed and active in sports such as hockey, baseball, football and basketball. You and Brandon had a lot of fun tossing around the football and trying to play soccer, even on your wobbly legs! Your two beautiful little granddaughters, Ashleigh and Aryanna brought a new kind of joy to you since you never had to deal with little girls before! Remember how Aryanna used to love to give you manicures, and how Ashleigh always wanted to clean your eyeglasses? You and your granddaughters had some great times playing cards, like I didn't know that you always let them win so you could accuse them of cheating! You always commented on what beautiful grandchildren we had, and you were right, they are beautiful! Also, so many times you talked about how proud you were of Keith and Mark and their accomplishments, and how lucky we were to have two wonderful daughters-in-law! You always knew when Keith and Mark had a problem they shared with you, and you would come home carrying their burden so you could share it with me. So many times we did not have the answers they needed, but we always prayed to God that the answers would come, and they usually did. So many times, we wanted to help, but just couldn't. Yes Jimmy, you made all of us feel loved, especially me. There wasn't ever anything that you would not do for me, and you never never complained about something being too much of an inconvenience for you. As you always told me "Anything for you Ro, you come first!" And you meant it. Many times you would leave your

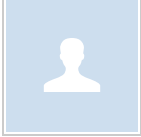
job to come home to take me somewhere where I could not drive myself. Many many times you took me shopping at Carousel Mall and would sit out in the car with Sabrina, eating your little bag of goodies that I had prepared for you. You always made it clear to me that I should not rush in my shopping, that you didn't mind waiting for me regardless of how much time I needed. And when I finished, you always told me I was the best looking woman that went into the mall! You were so unselfish with your time, for me, for your children, for your grandchildren and for your friends and associates. That was you Jim, a truly loving, generous and unselfish human being, a true gentleman. I am so proud to have had you as my husband, and that started on September 18, 1948. Just as Aryanna said that you are her Hero, you are mine as well, as I have always told you. Just as you were a brave soldier in World War II, you were brave in life, facing up to each and every battle and challenge that faced you. I have never stopped loving you, and have never stopped being proud of you. You made me feel loved by you Jim, you made me feel secure, you made me feel cared for and nurtured, you made me feel that you were always there for me and always would be. You made me feel that there wasn't anything you wouldn't do for me or our family. You made me happy. What more could I ever have asked for, except..... that you could have stayed a while longer. I miss you and love you more today than yesterday Jimmy, and less than tomorrow. Your most loving wife of 56 years, Rosemary

November 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ HI GRAMPY'S!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HOW ARE YOU DOING? A YEAR AGO TODAY YOU LEFT US TO BE IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE. I CAN NOT EVER TELL YOU HOW MUCH I MISS YOU!!!!!!!!!! TODAY MY PARENTS WENT TO WEGMANS TO TALK ABOUT YOU WHILE HAVING THEIR COFFIE. LAST NIGHT I HAD DANCE. I AM STILL DOING TAP, I WISH THAT YOU WERE HERE TO SEE ME TAP ONCE MORE AGAIN!!!! IT WOULD MEAN THE WORLD TO ME!!!!!!!! I GO TO A DANCE STIDEO NOW. JUST LAST NIGHT I HAD DANCE AND I DID SOOOOOOO GOOD THAT THEY THOUGHT I WAS TO GOOD FOR THAT CLASS AND MOVED ME UP TO THE HIGHEST CLASS!!!!!!!! I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE SOOOOOO HAPPY FOR ME!!!! I HAVE A MILLION THINGS TO SAY BUT LIMITED SPACE. I WISH THAT ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD FOR YOU, YOU COULD ANSWER THEM!!!!!!!! BUT I KNOW THAT SOMEDAY IN HEAVEN WE ALL WILL MEET AND WE WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST PARTY!!!!!!!!!! YOU BETTER SAVE ME ONE OF YOUR BIGEST HUGS!!!!!!!! I PRAY FOR YOU EVERYNIGHT, AND JUST MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE DOING GREAT!!!! BUT I KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IS GREAT BECAUSE YOU ARE IN HEAVEN WITH THE ONE AND ONLY JESUS CHRIST!!!!!! I AM IN 7TH GRADE RIGHT NOW. IT IS MUCH HARDER THEN ALL OF THE OTHER GRADES!!!! BUT I AM KEEPING UP FINE. ALSO I GOT CONTACTS!!!!!!!!!! BUT I STILL HAVE MY GLASSES THAT YOU GOT TO SEE TO. I MISS YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I WILL TALK TO YOU LATER!!!!
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November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“*HERO, Aryanna came to me the other day and told me that she had done a report in her 3rd grade class on a HERO. She told me that her story was about Grampys, and that she was taking it to the Cemetery and taping it to your headstone! I went to her school shortly after she told me this and found her report hanging on the wall with a beautiful picture she drew of you as well! Dad, this made me very proud but not surprised. Even our youngest knows that you are a HERO! I can't believe that its been 1 whole year. A very sad, long and lonley year! Christine met me for coffee today at wegmans. Where else could we have gone to talk about you! We had great times at wegmans over coffee didn't we?! And don't forget Ashleigh, she Loved our times together. She could make you laugh out loud and you always had the biggest smile. Brandon Talks of you often, he tells me things about you and him that I never knew! Dad My family will never forget the Love, the carring, or the kindness, that made you larger than life! You are A TRUE HERO and I thank my Lord and savior Jesus Christ that you adopted that baby boy in 1963 and gave me your name, and your love! You were, are, and ALWAYS will be my HERO, Love your little boy, Mark Daniel.*

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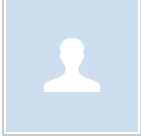
“ My dearest Jimmy... One year ago today, you left us and went on your journey to heaven. I know you are in a better place, but the world I am in now, without you, is very sad indeed. The loneliness without you keeps getting greater, the pain does not ease, the tears do not stop. All I can do today is look at your picture on the dining room table, along with a little flag, and my lighted angel candle. That is all I have, except for the many wonderful memories of our 56 years together for which I am very thankful. I try not to think about what was happening to you this time last year, it is all too painful. All I know is that you are gone, and the emptiness here now cannot be defined. I know you would want me to be strong, and to go on, and I am trying to do that, just as the rest of your family is trying to do. We all miss you Jim... Keith and Deb, Mark and Christine, Brett and Kristen, Chad, Jamie, Ross, Brandon, Ashleigh and Aryanna. We all love you so very much. Oh how I wish I could hear your voice, feel your warm hand holding mine, just one more time. I love you, always have, and always will. Rejoice in heaven, and may you and our Lord watch over our family left behind.....for now.

November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Grampys, I miss you very much. I especially miss playing catch with you every Sunday. I still watch and follow the Steelers every weekend and think of you everytime that they play. I keep you in mind all of the time. I can not wait until the day we see each other again. I miss you very much and I will continue to watch over Mimi and Sabrina. I LOVE YOU! Love Your Grandson, Brandon

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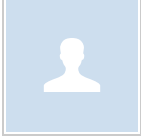
“ *DEAR GRAMPY'S I MISS YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU ARE THE BEST GRANDPA IN THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I WISH THAT YOU WERE WITH ME RIGHT NOW. BUT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE THEN ME!!!!!!!!!! I REMEMBER WHEN YOU USED TO PLAY CARDS WITH ME. I LOVED IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LOVE,ARYANNA ARMSTRONG*

November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Jimmy... Today is our 57th wedding anniversary. I am sitting here remembering the wonderful time we had last year on this date. We went to the Brewster Inn in Cazenovia and had the most wonderful time. It was a beautiful evening, just perfect in every way. We had a wonderful dinner, and I remember you saying that the filet you had was the best you have ever eaten. We had the waiter take a couple of pictures of us there, and I'm so happy to have them. They turned out to be our last ones taken for our anniversary. A few weeks after that, on October 2, 2004 we did attended Brett and Kristen's wedding! How happy we were to be able to see our first grandchild get married! We had another picture taken then, and it would be the last pictures of you and I. Jimmy, as much as I miss you, I am just so thankful for all the wonderful memories that are sustaining me. There is no doubt about it in my mind, I knew way back in 1945 that you were someone very special, and I was determined that you would be my husband. Even though there were many obstacles in our way, we did marry and were so right for each other. You were the most wonderful husband a woman could ever ask for. All you ever wanted was to make me and our children happy. I was so lucky to have you for my husband, and now I realize that I didn't always appreciate how wonderful a husband you were. But today, on the 57th anniversary of our marriage, I am thankful that I still have you in my heart and so many wonderful happy memories stored in the depths of my mind. You are still very deeply loved Jimmy by me, and your children and grandchildren. Yesterday, I gave Ashleigh your cellphone, and it was as though I had given her a million dollars! She loves her Grampy, as do all of the grandchildren. So, today my darling, I am getting through this anniversary on memories, and love. I cannot nor will not EVER forget you, you always were and still are the driving force in my life. Thank you my darling, for 56 years of love.
Rosemary

September 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



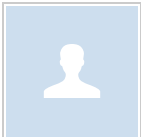
“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN, DEAR JIMMY! Yes, I do know it is eternal happiness there, and I know your Mom and Dad and my Mom and Dad are all there to help you celebrate the day God sent you here. I know he meant for you to survive the war so that you and I could meet and become man and wife. It was all meant to be, all written in the cards! They were dealt, and we played them. As difficult as it has been for me since you went to heaven, it is my destiny, my fate. I survive because of all the wonderful memories I have of you, of us. I remember so clearly your last birthday, Aug. 3, 2004. We went to Saratoga Steaks with Christine and Mark and the kids. We had such a nice time, and the kids presented you with little wooden lighthouses they made for you from kits. You had a big piece of chocolate cake with a candle on it, and the waitresses sang "Happy Birthday" to you! I am so glad I took some pictures of you there, I have them on display this morning. I set them right in front of me as I had my coffee, and I lit the angel candle to let you know that you are still in my heart. I even made a beautiful card for you!! You will be there forever, and I am very thankful for all the wonderful memories of you Jimmy. You left me too soon however, the void is tremendous. This will be a difficult day for me, missing you as I do, and recalling happy times. I know it will be difficult for Keith and Mark as well, they miss you terribly as do your grandchildren. Anyway Jimmy, have a heavenly birthday, I know there is chocolate cake there for you, and I know you will hear me as I sing "Happy Birthday to You" as the angels join in! I love you dearly. Rosemary*

August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Grampy's how are you doing? I bet that you are doing just fine!!!! I miss you soooooo much!!!! I am still writing mimi on the computer doing e-mail's all of the time. Grampy's I miss you alot on the days that I am with mimi because you are not there with her and I know that I can never see you again until the day that we all meet in heaven. And I know that if I wore to go and ask alot of people that you used to know I just bet you that they would all say that they love you and miss you soooooo much!!!! And they would say that you wore the kindist man that they have ever met!!!!!! And that is what I think too!!!! Grampy's I also miss just seeing you every sunday.... and not able to play cards with you anymore. Or not getting one of those big hugs and kisses that you always used to give me. I miss not going to wegmans, which we would go on saturdays. And me getting the hot chocolate with tons of wip cream on the top.... I miss taking the list from you that you had everything writen down on what to get. I miss calling you on saturdays and saying in the car that we will be there in 10 min. Grampy's I just want you to know that we all love you soooooo much and miss you a bunch!!!!!! I love you the most!!!! Your first granddaughter, Ashleigh xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox

July 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



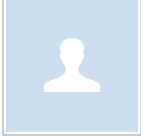
“ Jimmy....Eight months ago today, July 2, 2005, you left us, and I just wanted you to know that you took my heart right with you. The pain in that darkness where my heart used to be has not eased at all. I loved you from day one, the day we met in 1945, and, but I just never realized how MUCH I loved you until now. You were the best husband that God ever created. Thank you for being you.. I miss you so much.... Rosemary

July 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My Jimmie.... here it is Father's Day, June 19, 2005. You have been gone from us for 250 days now, which seems like a lifetime. We miss you so much, and I have a very heavy heart today, because I know Keith and Mark will be hurting. They no longer have their wonderful, loving father, and even though THEY are fathers, and will celebrate this day with their children, they must feel a terrible void with their Dad no longer here to hug and kiss for Father's Day. That is the way I feel about my own Dad. I still miss him and my Mom so much. You know how much I miss you, you are still deep within my heart every one of those 250 days and long nights. Mark, Christine, Brandon, Ashleigh, Aryanna and I were so happy, yet sad, to visit you yesterday at your final resting place at the Veteran's Cemetery. I know you loved the beautiful red, white and blue flower arrangement that Christine made for you. They will be beautiful for you there all summer. While we were there, I could feel your presence, as I always do, yet to look down at that marker and know that I can never touch you or kiss you again, rips into my heart. Jimmy... I know you are having a happy Father's Day in heaven, and I know you are sending your love and God's blessings to your sons and the rest of the family as well. We are all thinking of you today, we miss you, and just love you so much. Please stay with us and keep watching over us. I love you dearly Jimmy. Rosemary

June 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM



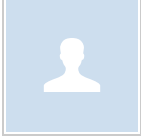
“ It is "Mother's Day", May 9, 2005 My Jimmy. I know you are up there smiling at me, telling me that you are sorry that I didn't get my usual dozen of beautiful roses that you always used to order for me from the Lodge! I thought about that this morning, how you always used to say to me on Mother's Day..."Ro, even though you aren't my mother, the mother of my children deserves roses from me!" You always gave me a beautiful card with beautiful thoughts, usually after searching in a few stores for just the right card for me. I appreciated all of those thoughtful things you did for me Jim. I will tell you that today, I miss you more than words can ever express to you, I have a very heavy heart. I love you, will love you until the day that I join you there on the hill, and then our love will continue with our Lord in Heaven as we rejoice together. Thank you for staying by my side and in my heart, even at this moment, I can feel you here.
Your most loving wife, Rosemary

May 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My Darling Jimmy..... Six months ago today you were laid to rest. You are at peace, in a better place, and all we have left of you besides a lot of wonderful memories is a little plot of ground in the Veteran's Cemetery to gaze at. It has been a very very painful six months, trying to pull all the pieces together again has indeed been traumatic and difficult. Time does not ease the pain of your passing, it only seems to get worse. I miss you, I need you. Your empty chair is a daily reminder that you are no longer with me, the silent house, the silent phone. I know Sabrina is still looking for you as well, waiting to hear you come in the kitchen door saying... "How's my two girls??" Oh what I would give to see your smiling face and hear that beautiful voice just one more time. I have a terrible ache in my heart and a lump in my throat every time I think that it will never happen. Just know that I pray for you every day and I know that you are up there watching over me and the rest of the family. We all miss you terribly Jim. Sunday is Mother's Day, another day that you used to make special for me, another holiday without you. Memorial Day is upon us, and I will be with you at the cemetery, just as we have done for the past few years, participating in the Veteran's Day ceremony at "out home on the hill". Yes, I will be joining you there one of these days. Those were our plans, and that is how it all will end. I love you Jim. Your loving wife of 56 years, Rosemary

May 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



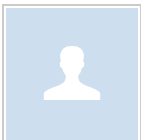
“Dad, I miss you! My heart hurts for your big hug, your big hand shake, to hear your wonderful voice, the slap on the back that would almost always knock me off my feet! You were my teacher of life. You were always willing to listen to my complaining, my joys, my idol chit chat, just to hear your voice and to find out where you were by 7am! Lord only knew! You are a very BIG part of my life that is now missing. I want to brag to you about my wife & children, just talk about day to day life. Tomorrow is Ashleigh & Aryanna's spring dance recital. You never missed it. I know that you will be watching from Heaven over your two beautiful granddaughters! I will still be very sad. Although now I never need to dial a number to talk with you and I always know where you are, I am selfish and wish you were HERE with ME! You deserve to ENJOY all that Heaven has to offer. You were the hardest working man I have ever known. You did anything for everyone. I don't know what God's plan is for me, but when it's my time to meet our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I will be reunited with you in Heaven so you better have one of your BIG hugs saved just for me! Thank you for being MY DAD, I LOVE YOU-
-- Your Son Mark.....

May 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Jimmy, Easter 2005 has come and gone. Do you remember the tape the two of us made last Easter, where we sang all the lyrics to "Easter Parade"...twice? I forced you to sing, and you were great. I even stuffed chocolate eggs into your mouth as you sang the second time! We made the tape, never realizing that it would be our last Easter together. I made the mistake of playing that tape Easter morning my dearest Jimmy. It only opened up the giant crevice in my heart even more, and it was a very sad day for me. It was another holiday without you at my side. I know you are rejoicing in heaven, and I also can feel you watching over me, wanting me to be strong and to push on. It does get overwhelming at times Jim. It is difficult to live without you. The next holiday will be Memorial Day, and I will again be reminded of last Memorial Day when we went to the services at the Veteran's Cemetery. It was such a beautiful day, and a beautiful ceremony. I was so proud to be there with my hero! But, we never dreamed that this year, on Memorial Day, you would be one of those veterans who has departed, and would be honored. I will be there, honoring you, and as always, I will be so proud of you, so proud to be Mrs. James Armstrong. Goodbye for now my love, I love you. Rosemary

March 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To my Valentine, Jimmie....After being with you for 56 years, which is 20,440 days together, I cannot forget you ever. It has now been 104 days since you left me, and I miss you terribly. I miss your voice, your smile, your everything. I will always love you. Rosemary

February 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Grampy's I miss you soooooooo much. But the most that I will miss you of is seeing you on Saturdays and Sundays. I always had the best time with you Grampys and that I will never forget that. You were always soooo happy Grampys. Everybody still talks about you and they all say that they loved you very much!!!! Also I want you to know that I pray for you and Mimi every night and I will do that to the day that I die. You were my Best Friend!!! And you still are! We still go to Mimi's every Sunday! My brother and my dad play football outside every Sunday. And I still get the usually backscratch!!! I made a scrapbook of everybody in our family !! And guess who is on the front page with me? You are Grampy's!!!! I love you sooooooooooooo much!!! I will talk to you in a few days on here but I will talk to you every night. Bye Grampy's love you !!!!!P.S. everybody in my family misses you and loves you very much including Mimi!! You will never ever be forgotten. Now stay out of trouble!!! Love:Ashleigh Armstrong

January 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Jimmy.... You left me to start this new year, 2005 by myself. I know you are in a better place, but I must tell you that I never realized how deeply you were my EVERYTHING when you were still here with me. My life now is just so very empty and lonely, I miss you more and more each day and night. Sometimes I feel that my heart is broken, never to be mended until some day we meet again. When I am especially lonely, I put on your loden green sweater, and it is like having your arms around me holding me tightly, comforting me! I light my angel candle each morning and evening, the times when we always used to sit and talk about everything and anything while we had our coffee in the morning and our wine at night. How I loved our time together! Now, there is no one, just the empty chair, no one coming home to me, no one to take care of, no one to smile at me and love me the way you did. Jim, I will love you dearly until the day I leave this earth. Thank you for being my wonderful husband for 56 years, and even though you left me too soon, I know you are up there with our Father and the angels, smiling down at me, waiting for me to join you. There will never be a happy new year for me again until we are together. Jimmy, I love you. RosemaryPS: I am taking good care of Sabrina, she is still eating her chicken and having her liverwurst treats. But, she misses you, sleeps out by the front door, waiting for you to come home!

January 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear:Grampy'sI will miss you very much you were that best!! I will never ever forget you. You will always be in my heart. I love you Grampy's soooooo much! Take Care. Love:Ashleigh

December 01, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim, you have always been an inspiration to us. You are a treasure in our hearts. We love you and miss you. We are honored to have you as a friend. All our love, Kevn & Darla

November 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ A kind and generous man..onewho showed compassion and understanding..never a whinecomplaint or grumble thatmight distract him from his positive outlook..he loved his family, his outdoors andhis job. This is how I shall remembermy 'brother' Jim and foreverhave a special place for himin my heart. Kenny

November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful 43 years of knowing you Jim. We had wonderful times as couples, watched our children grow, I will miss you, but will not forget you.

November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You are my idol Jim. You are someone who had strength and compassion, I miss you.

November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Armstrong,I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Armstrong passing away. He was a wonderful man and a great neighbor. May your treasured memories bring some comfort at this sad time. Our sympathy to the boys and their families too.Carole Brady (John and Jean Terry's daughter)

November 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *The staff at the Nottingham Pet Clinic enjoyed seeing Jim with his little dog Sabrini... they were both always so friendly and pleasant. We especially enjoyed seeing the close relationship Jim had with his little dog. We wish to send condolences to the family and close friends. Sincerely, Nottingham Pet Clinic*

November 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *JIM IS THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE WORLD OF REPAIRING HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE WHO NEW HIM OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GO,S OUT TO HIS FAMILY*

November 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Dear Jim for sharing so many wonderful life lessons, especially the ones I would not have learned, if not for you. Your rapid smile, twinkling eyes and wonderful voice will be missed more than words can say. I am humbled to have known you and am ever grateful for your kindness and friendship. Yes indeed, you are our Hero and also my Hero. No one could name a finer man than you. With heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Armstrong and Family....Susan OrntIADA, Auto Damage Appraisers*

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss grampys very much. The times we had together out in the yard playing football, inside watching the games on t.v., and coming over to be with him every Sunday. Grampys was the best grandfather ever. He loved everyone so much, but most of all he loved his wife, Mimi. I loved him very much and I can not wait until I see him again. He always wanted to hear what I had to say, and just to be with me all around. I now know that he is in a better place and that he is watching over me, Mimi and the rest of my family. I love you Grampys!

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We were sorry to hear of Jim's sudden passing. Carl & Rita Fahrenkrug Fayetteville Lodge #305

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I LOVE YOU DAD

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always have wonderful memories of Uncle Jim, I have held a special place in my heart for him ever since the short time I spent living in nearby Liverpool. My deepest sympathies to Aunt Rosemary, Keith, Mark and all the family.

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



*“ I LOVE YOU SOOOO MUCH GRANDPY'S!!! I MISS YOU SO MUCH TOO. YOU WERE THE BEST!!! I WILL MISS PLAYING WITH YOU ON SUNDAYS. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOME DAY!! I LOVE YOU GRANDPY'S. TAKE CARE.
LOVE:ASHLEIGH ARMSTRONG*

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



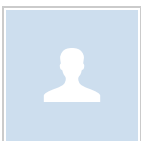
“ Jim always treated me like a brother and I'll always remember that he called me Screech. I will remember always, his happy voice on the phone the many times we talked. Rest in Peace, Jim!

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Armstrong and her family. I have wonderful memories of Mr. Armstrong from my childhood days on Ambergatge Rd. He and Mrs. Armstrong were always so good to me and the neighborhood kids. They helped create a wonderful childhood for all of us lucky enough to grow up on Ambergate Rd. I'll remember the Armstrongs in my prayers - Steve Heine

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy Hunting my friend. Until we meet again.

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Grampys, It was fun doing your nails and playing cards with you on Sundays. I will miss reading books to you. I am glad that you came to my seventh birthday. Most of all I am going to miss everything about you Grampys. I LOVE YOU SOOOOO MUCH! xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo Love, Aryanna ArmstrongP.S. I'm not a crook!

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We had the privilege of meeting Mr. Armstrong on October 2, 2004, when his grandson, Brett, married our daughter, Kristen. Our best memory is seeing him dancing with his wife, Rosemary. I'm sorry we can't attend the service as we will be away. We will make a contribution to the American Heart Association in memory of James Armstrong.

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Rosemary and Family, we were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing I have such fond memories of Jim always a beautiful smile and a gentleman. I know he will be missed by all. Florida friends Janet & Bill

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss you terribly already Jim. Your happy face and cheerful smile, until the end, is unforgettable. Your optimism and the total lack of anger or bitterness in your heart towards anyone was remarkable. I always said you had a guardian angel watching over you, and now you are with them looking down on your loved ones below. God bestowed many blessings upon you Jim, and for me, my greatest blessing is that God sent YOU to me. I know that He has a very special place in heaven saved for you, a very special man! I will always love you Jimmie! Rosemary

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim will be missed by all of us. Our prayers are with his family.

November 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM