



Natalie Prétat Arnold

March 26, 2021

On Friday, March 26, Natalie Prétat Arnold passed away peacefully, rushing only to catch up to her husband of sixty-eight years.

Born in 1926 to George B. and Miriam Blair Prétat, Natalie grew up on the East Side of Providence, attending Hope High School and Colby College in Maine. She married her soul mate, Franklin Arnold, in 1953 and embarked on her journey as an officer's wife in the Air Force. Their joyride together took them across the American south, producing four children along the way, and overseas to France, Germany, and Panama. Upon leaving military life, she returned to her childhood summer home in Foster and built their own home next door. She embarked on a new career as a loan officer with Citizens Bank, retiring after more than twenty years helping others build futures of their own. Nat became very active in town politics, serving for years on the Board of Canvassers and Republican Town Committee. She was no less busy in social circles, heavily involved with the Gentian Garden Club and Red Hat Society. A voracious reader, she was a great supporter of Tyler Free Library and tore through its collection of spy and thriller novels. She made great contributions as a charter member of the Quonset-Davisville Yacht Club, often found on the Committee Boat for club regattas and sailing the Bay with Franklin. She was a loving and devoted mother and friend, always there with wisdom and advice. Natalie will be greatly missed by her four children and their spouses, Patricia (Robert) Mills, Elizabeth (Roger) Hawes, Tracy (Scott) Parker, and Preston (LaDelle) Arnold, along with her eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-

grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Richard B. Prétat. Visitation will be Thursday, April 22 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Winfield and Sons Funeral Home at 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate. Funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life service will be held outside at the Moosup Valley Congregational Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, seating may be limited so you may bring a seat and masks are requested.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Tribute Wall

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“ To ALL of the Arnold family. Please know that all of us here in Spartanburg S.C. at BMW Manufacturing in logistics group TX-16 have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. All of us worked with Beth for 25 or more years until she recently retired and left all of us still wishing she was here for things are just not the same since she left. Every time she would travel home I would ask her to tell my adopted Dad and Mom that their southern boy sends his love and prayers. I pray to our heavenly father that he will bless and comfort ALL of you during this time.

Everyone here sends their thoughts and prayers to each of you along with much love. God Bless. Kevin B.

Kevin Bowman - April 20, 2021 at 10:39 AM

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“ Natalie and Frank were two peas in a pod. Their love and respect for each other were evident to all who knew them. They shared the same quick wit that was fun to watch. Each gave as good as they got. I feel privileged to have gotten to know them both.

Lynne Rider - April 11, 2021 at 07:42 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Tracy, and your immediate and extended family. Michael & Daniela



Michael J Printer - April 10, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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“*Frank and Nat had an cheap box o’ wine up at their house for when I came to visit and complain about my kids. Lol. I would vent, drink two glasses, listen, then navigate the fireflies back down to Nonnies house. We didn’t ever feel like neighbors. We were loved.*”

alicia mccormick - April 10, 2021 at 02:18 PM