

Arthur "Art" DeMarah

Born: November 9, 1949 - Died: March 30, 2011

Arthur (Art) passed away peacefully at Hospice of the Valley on Wednesday March 30, 2011 surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer.

Born November 9, 1949 in Kankakee, IL he passed the CPA exam and practiced his vocation in future careers. Art and his devoted wife of 35 years, Sharon, shared a loving home in Unit 27 having moved from Downers Grove, IL to PebbleCreek in 2002.

Prior to moving to PebbleCreek, Art completed a 20 year career at Aramark Correctional Services in Oak Brook, IL; a leader in providing food services, facility management and uniforms to health care institutions and schools around the world.

Most recently Art was employed as the CFO for Good Neighbor Support Services in Goodyear for 4 years until his retirement late last year. Good Neighbor provides non-medical in home care for people across the Valley. This position afforded Art the opportunity to join and become active in the Goodyear White Tanks Rotary Club for which he served as Sgt. of Arms this past year.

Art loved life and he loved living in PebbleCreek. Art made many friends in PebbleCreek and time permitting; Art enjoyed playing golf in PebbleCreek.

Art is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Sharon, a daughter Jennifer and her husband Steve Wiley both of Chicago and his mother, Muriel of Kankakee. He also leaves behind 2 brothers Bob DeMarah of Washington State and Ed DeMarah of Kankakee, IL.

Burial will be in Kankakee, IL following a Catholic Requiem Mass.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Goodyear. Additional information will be posted when received.

Memorial donations may be made to either of the following:

***Hospice of the Valley
10323 W Olive Ave.
Peoria, AZ 85345***

Or The American Cancer Society

It is the hope that as time passes and eases the pain of their loss, that Sharon, Jennifer and the family and his many friends will find peace and comfort in the memories of Art that they shared...those special moments, the many laughs and the family adventures and experiences. We trust they will find solace in knowing that Art led a meaningful and caring life and that his zest for life and his family and friends brought him great happiness. May this very special gentle man, husband, father and good friend rest in peace.

Services are Wednesday, April 6th, 2011 - 9am

***Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home
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