



## Joe Flake Arnold

February 19, 1949 - October 14, 2025

Dateline: Orange Grove, Texas

Joe Flake Arnold, 76, of Orange Grove, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on October 14, 2025.

He was born on February 19, 1949, in Mathis, Texas, to Robert Lewis Arnold Sr. and Viola Pearl (Harpole) Arnold. Joe graduated as Salutatorian of his high school class, where he played snare drum in the band and excelled as an athlete—serving as quarterback in football, center field in baseball, and center in basketball. He was also an officer in the Future Farmers of America (FFA), where he raised and showed champion Duroc hogs, beginning a lifelong love of animals and ranching.

Joe went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M University–Kingsville) in May 1971. Over the course of his life, he worked in retail, the oil and gas industry, and ranching.

Joe was a dedicated worker, friend, and father who took pride in raising his five children. He loved fishing, hunting, sports, and caring for his animals—especially his beloved Boston Terriers and Min Pins, including his latest, Artimus.

He is survived by his children, Lacey O'Neal (Mike) of Midlothian, Texas; Ashley Jimenez of Hurst, Texas; Joe Dale Arnold of Texarkana, Texas; and Owen Arnold (Tania) of Midlothian, Texas; and seven incredible grandchildren. He is also survived by his longtime companion and wife, Sandra Arnold; brother, Bobby Arnold (Jimmie Sue); sisters, Jacquelyn Cococcia (Jim) and Sharen Kay Arnold (Jackie); and 14 nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Viola Arnold; his brother, Kenneth Ray Arnold; and his beloved eldest son, Brandon Wayne Arnold.

Joe spent his final years in his hometown of Orange Grove, Texas, surrounded by familiar places and dear friends. He will be remembered for his humor, his enjoyment of life's simple pleasures, and his love for family, animals, and the land he called home. He is loved and missed by all who knew him.

A graveside celebration of life will be held at Sandia Cemetery on November 8, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home,

# Cemetery Details

## Sandia Cemetery

Sandia, TX

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Sandia Cemetery  
Sandia, TX

# Tribute Wall

HC

“ Hugo, Sarah, Jacob, Mia, David, Catalina purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Flake Arnold.



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**Hugo, Sarah, Jacob, Mia, David, Catalina** - November 07, 2025 at 04:21 PM

HC

“ Hugo, Sarah, Jacob, Mia, David, Catalina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Flake Arnold.

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**Hugo, Sarah, Jacob, Mia, David, Catalina** - November 07, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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“ Cecelia and Shannon Lund purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joe Flake Arnold.



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**Cecelia and Shannon Lund** - November 03, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MA

“ To the Arnold family, Wiley and I are so sorry for your loss. I met Joe a handful of times at family gatherings and he was always a gentleman and a joy to be around. Thank God for him. He gave us Brandon and then Brandon gave us Jacob. We will always remember him and look with favor on his influence on his children. May he rest in peace. Much love to you all. Mary Alexander (Sarah's Aunt).

Mary Alexander - November 03, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SO

“ Sandra so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. My condolences to you and your family.

Sonia Ortiz



Sonia Ortiz - October 22, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Flake Arnold.



October 17, 2025 at 03:07 PM

YF

“ Your Diab Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Flake Arnold.

Your Diab Family - October 17, 2025 at 03:07 PM