



## Marilyn Smith Arnold

May 28, 1938 - December 22, 2023

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Marilyn Smith Arnold, Don's mom, yesterday at her home. Marilyn had been battling with Dementia for over 5 years. She loved life, her family, and friends more than anything. It was hard watching this disease take her spunk but she is now at peace. We will miss you sweet lady!

Marilyn died December 22, 2023 and she was born May 28, 1938 in Painesville.

Marilyn spent her entire working years as a bus driver for the Mentor School System. She enjoyed her work immensely and all the relationships she had with her bus driver friends. Until recently, she still enjoyed meeting up with them for lunch reminiscing about the days of kids, field trips, sports events, etc.

Marilyn had several hobbies throughout the years. She married into the love of stock cars and racing. For Marilyn, it started back in the 50's with she and her husband both racing and continued into the 90's building cars and watching her son race on the weekends. She loved anything that allowed her to spend time with family and friends. Back in the 80's, Marilyn enjoyed many summer days boating while belonging to the Western Reserve Yacht Club.

Once retired, camping became another of her passions. She eagerly participated in the family campground business in the summer and traveled south or west in her motorhome in the winter.

Survivors include her son, Donald (Cheryl) Arnold; grandchildren, Brittany Schinke, Taylor (Ryan) Dowdy, and Cody (Ashley) Arnold; and her great grandchildren, Shannon and Jesse Schinke. Micah, Emery and Truett Dowdy, and Tillie Arnold.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald R. Arnold; parents, Harry and Leona Smith, and her brothers, James and Arthur Smith.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Private family burial will take place at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-9465

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Smith Arnold.



December 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Smith Arnold.



December 26, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Joe Shultz WS7* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Smith Arnold.

**Joe Shultz WS7** - December 26, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Joe Shultz WS7* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Marilyn Smith Arnold.



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December 23, 2023 at 02:17 PM