



Arnold Houston

December 2, 1960 - May 6, 2013

Conway...MSG Arnold Easton Houston, III, 52, went home to be with the Lord Monday, May 6, 2013 at the VA Medical Center in Charleston.

MSG Houston was born in Fayetteville, NC, son of Arnold E. Houston Jr., and Jewel Pope Houston. He was a US Army Reserve Veteran. MSG Houston was active duty with 27 years of service, where he received the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device Kuwait Liberation Medal. He served in the 94th Division of USAR of Ft. Lee, VA, Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Kosovo Conflict. MSG Houston was a graduate of Terry Sanford High School in 1979 where he was a member of Track & Cross Country Team. MSG Houston graduated from UNCW where he was also a member of the Cross Country Team. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Operation Inasmuch Coordinator. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend to all who knew him. MSG Houston was an avid UNC Tar Heel Fan.

Surviving in addition to his parents: his wife, Teresa Hyatt Houston of Conway; one son, Matthew Arnold Houston of Conway; and a sister, Karen Houston of Fayetteville.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Friday at the First Baptist Church of

Conway with the Dr. Robert Guffey, Rev. Patrick Jones and Rev. Robert "Sandy" Saunders. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

Visitation will also be held Monday, May 13, 2013 at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC at 11:00 AM.

Memorials may be sent to Snyder Memorial Baptist Church Veteran's Fountain Memorial, 701 Westmont Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305 or the First Baptist Church Bus Ministry Fund, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

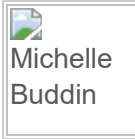
Previous Events

Service

MAY 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP my Battle Buddy and friend. It's tough knowing I won't get the chance to play golf with you anymore but I know you will be there with me every time I tee up. I will always remember my Battle and I thank the good Lord for letting me be part of his life. Ace was a man who loved his country, his church and especially his wife and son. RIP BATTLE AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON HEAVENS BATTLEFIELD.*

SGM BUDDIN and family

Michelle Buddin - May 09, 2013 at 10:35 PM



me and momma are still praying for you and Matt and we love you. I am going to miss Mr Arnold, if there is anything we can do for y'all please just let us know we are only a phone call away

Michelle Buddin - May 09, 2013 at 10:38 PM

DJ

“ *Dear Teresa and Matt,
I'm so sorry to hear about Arnold's sickness and death.
I know there is going to be an empty space that no one else can fill except GOD. Allow Him to surround you with His love and accept the love of others as you go through this time. God has another angel in heaven, and Arnold would want you to share his witness for I'm sure he went through so much. We can all rejoice knowing that one day we'll all be with Arnold and our loved ones again.
I will continue to pray for your family,
In His Love,
Debbie Johnson*

Debbie Johnson - May 09, 2013 at 02:50 PM

KR

“ *Teresa and Matt, you are in my prayers during this time. Arnold was a great man, and cousin and will be missed. Love - Kenneth*

Kenneth Rogers - May 09, 2013 at 02:31 PM

ME

“ *Marisa English lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston*



Marisa English - May 09, 2013 at 09:09 AM

ME

“ *Karen, I am so sorry you and your family have lost your loved one. God called and Arnold answered, leaving his tired, weak body for a new healthy and strong one in Heaven. How wonderful it must feel to be shed of this mortal shell! You and all who Arnold was loved by are in my prayers. I will see you when you get back to Fayetteville.- With love and sympathy, Marisa Bryant English*

Marisa English - May 09, 2013 at 09:08 AM

 Shirley Brown

“ *To the Houston Family:*

May loving memories always bring you peace and comfort. And may the strength that God provides, sustain you. (Psalm 46:1)

*My condolences,
Shirley Brown-Acker*

Shirley Brown - May 08, 2013 at 11:06 PM

TL

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of the family. Brenda and I "grew up" with Arnold during our 4 yrs at UNCW. Catching up real quick, I see that he still had his sense of humor and was loyal to his friends. I will share one story.. Arnold came with us to fish at the beach. My whole life has been all about fishing with lots of memories. But this one will stay with me always and I still laugh about it. We were fishing cut bait for Blue fish(they are mean and strong). Arnold had brought his rod and reel down and was determined to use it. It was a little old and probably designed more for a farm pond than the Atlantic. We weren't fishing long when Arnold got a strong pull. He was so thrilled. Then it happened. The fish ran and tore the reel off the rod and all the eyelets were out and gone. It wasn't funny then, but it's one of the fishing memories that will always stay with me. We miss you Arnold Houston!! Thee and Brenda Lloyd, Latta, S.C.

Thee Lloyd - May 08, 2013 at 09:52 PM

TJ

“ Teresa, We are so sorry to hear about Arnold's passing. We have a wonderful memory of him from Sunday School at First Baptist. He was always cheerful and had an uplifting spirit about himself. We will keep you and Matt in our prayers and thoughts. Just remember the promises of the Lord....."He Will Never Leave or Forsake You" and many other promises. May God's comfort and peace surround you.

Todd and Connie Jones

Todd & Connie Jones - May 08, 2013 at 09:49 PM

JB

“ Teresa, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that in time your tears of pain will turn into tears of loving memories you have of Arnold. I will keep you, Matt and your family in my prayers. Hugs, love and kisses.

*Jackie Barber
PMD Class
Whittemore Park Middle School*

Jackie Barber - May 08, 2013 at 09:07 PM

AZ

“ Teresa, I am so sorry to hear this. I remember you and Arnold from Sunday school class at Calvary years ago. Praying you'll feel God's Presence in the days and months ahead.

Alane Zlotnicki - May 08, 2013 at 08:17 PM



“ We only knew Arnold for what seemed like minutes but his Love for all will be stamped in our hearts forever. Much love to the family and friends who will miss him so much. Michele and Chris Graney

Michele Davies - May 08, 2013 at 08:11 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4

J. Bell - May 08, 2013 at 04:06 PM

DG

“ I am so sad to hear of Arnold's passing. We went to school together in Wilmington and we had so much fun running on the cross country team. In my mind he will be forever young, running in green and gold and smiling. Sending my deep condolences to you and your family..

Dawn Goley

Dawn Goley - May 08, 2013 at 03:56 PM

VW

“ I am so sorry for your loss Teresa and Matt! I remember when Arnold went to Homewood Elementary School for Veterans Day, I believe it was, and had a military vehicle for all the kids to see. He was dressed in fatigues. He let my son Judson get in the vehicle and even told him that he worked with his dad. Judson was so excited and came home and told us, " There was an Army man at school today and he knew my name and he said he worked with my daddy!" He was so proud that the Army man knew him! It may not seem like much when people volunteer at schools but it really touches those children that you volunteer your time to! Arnold was always volunteering for others! The last thing he said to me in the hospital was that he loved me. I loved him. He was a special man that will be missed.

Vicki Ward - May 08, 2013 at 03:52 PM

BR

“ Teresa and Matt, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. Wish we could be there with you. Just remember that God will is always done and Arnold is now with Him. We send our love, prayers and thoughts from the Florida family. Love Uncle Boyd and Aunt Anne.

Boyd and anne rogers - May 08, 2013 at 03:48 PM

JP

“ I had the honor of attending the Passport Kenya trip with both Arnold and his son Matt. Arnold was one of the kindest people I had ever met, and truly embodied what it meant to be a good Christian. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends.

Joe Pesek - May 08, 2013 at 10:47 AM

WC

“ Teresa and Matt...so sorry to hear of Arnold's passing! I have good memories of our days at CBC, especially, Arnold's testimony on Baptist Men's Day. He was a leader and a good witness for all of us. Vera joins me in sending our love and prayers for you. Proverbs 3:5-6. God bless! WL

W. L. Collins - May 08, 2013 at 09:07 AM

RG

*Teresa and Matt,
I know that God has a plan and that Arnold was needed for his plan to happen. We will keep both of you in our prayers, but know he is sitting by our Lord now with no pain and just smiling down on all of us.
Jo and Randy Graham*

Randy Graham - May 08, 2013 at 06:35 PM

RC

*I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS--ARNOLD A GREAT TO BE AROUND..HE WILL BE MISSED AT SCDOT, WE ALSO LOST A LOVED ONE..OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU
TERESA AND MATT---
ROY COX (2640 CREW)*

Roy Cox - May 08, 2013 at 07:24 PM

DM

Arnold had a great heart and always made me smile... I look forward to seeing him in heaven. I will remember your family in my prayers.

Donna Canady McKenna

Donna Canady McKenna - May 08, 2013 at 08:11 PM

SC

“ Arnold will be greatly missed and I feel priveledge to have gotten to know and work with him and to have been a friend to him in his time with SCDOT. Arnold and I got to play in several golf tournaments together in past years and he was a competitor you could always count on when you needed him. With great sorrow, Spencer Cox

Spencer Cox - May 08, 2013 at 08:12 AM

RA

“ During Desert Storm, about 6 months into the deployment, one night as we were talking outside our tent as we did every night, Arnold looked at me and said, I just want to go home. You are home now Buddy. Thanks for being a friend, a condidant and mentor.

roddy adams - May 08, 2013 at 08:05 AM

RF

“ I met Arnold several years ago when my job duties interacted more with the SCDOT. He was like Randy Graham's 2nd, up and coming, when Randy was transitioning out. Like another friend said, Arnold was a quieter fellow but got the job done. It was such a shock to read of his home going this morning. May the good Lord hold his family and friends close during this difficult time.

Robert Ford - May 08, 2013 at 07:03 AM

CK

“ Charlene Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Arnold Houston



Charlene Kelley - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dorothy Jordan Dunn lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston



Dorothy Jordan Dunn - May 07, 2013 at 11:24 PM

DD

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

Love you all

Dorothy Jordan Dunn - May 07, 2013 at 11:29 PM

EM

“ What a great man....Loved my younger days with him on the softball field...I nicknamed him "The Stud"...So quiet and unassuming but a fierce competitor...Peace out, my friend...
Elwin "ELMO"....

Elwn Miles - May 07, 2013 at 10:23 PM

BR

“ Brianne Rainwater lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston



Brianne Rainwater - May 07, 2013 at 09:45 PM

KA

Karen, Jewel, Arnold, and family we are praying for Gods peace to surround you. We send you our love and will see you soon. The Allens

Kathy Allen - May 08, 2013 at 08:12 AM

JS

“ *Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston*



Joy Smith - May 07, 2013 at 08:53 PM

CM

“ *Corby McLeod lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston*



Corby McLeod - May 07, 2013 at 08:29 PM

IP

“ *Irene Patrick lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston*



Irene Patrick - May 07, 2013 at 05:45 PM

SH

Arnold was a great person and he will be missed.

Sandy Harrelson

Sandy Harrelson - May 08, 2013 at 02:25 PM

JB

"Lit a candle in memory of Arnold Houston" So sorry for your loss.

Jack & Kathy Belew

Jack & Kathy Belew - May 09, 2013 at 09:41 AM