



Arthur "Art" Adolfson III

April 15, 1949 - March 10, 2024

Arthur O. Adolfson III, ("Art") 74, of New Britain, passed away at his home on March 10, 2024. Born in New Britain on April 15, 1949, he was the son of the late Arthur and Lillian (Wentland) Adolfson. He was predeceased by his sister Janice L. (Adolfson) Simons, but is survived by his two nephews, Alan Simons and Shawn Simons, both of Plainville, and his good friends Ben, Kathy and Mike Vinci. Arthur was predeceased by his nephew Scott B. Simons and a brother-in law, Bruce Simons.

Art was a lifelong resident of New Britain, CT. He graduated from New Britain High School. He was a well- respected professor of Mathematics at Central Connecticut State University and Tunxis Community College for more than 30 years. Art earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at CCSU, and his PhD from the University of New Hampshire. Art received full academic scholarships for his education.

While at Tunxis, Art spearheaded the "Transfer Program" which allowed for the full transfer of credits from community colleges to any Connecticut's four-year Universities.

Art was in touch with the needs of his students. He was always an advocate for them as he realized that certain outside influences such as family considerations, health concerns and even transportation issues can often impact a student's academic success in degree programs. To him, a motivated student was a deserving student, regardless of G.P.A. Appropriately, Art was beloved by his students. Here are a few quotes from them: "Best teacher I ever had." "I owe my career to him." "Smart; you follow his lead and you get better and better." "A ninja when it comes to calculus." "Lethal weapon, best teacher I ever had." "Should be teaching at Harvard." "Lucky to have this guy." "Adolfson is a machine, a beautiful mind with a piece of chalk."

Art was an avid runner, tennis player and bike rider. He enjoyed all sports on television. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service in his honor at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain on Thursday, May 2, between the hours of 4 and 7pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Arthur O. Adolfson III Endowed Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, 74 Vine Street New Britain, CT 06052. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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“ Professor Adolfson was my first, and best, computer programming instructor. I switched my major to computer programming after my first course with him. I remember other students in class saying it was like he had a compiler in his head because he could just skim your printed code and find any bugs in seconds. It was like magic to us. He had excellent step-by-step approaches to teaching coding principles, algorithms, and data structures. He always had time for his students. It was fun to learn from him.

Adam Woolford - April 29, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ Art and I were neighbors and childhood friends who did many things together thru the years, Countless pick-up softball, touch football, and golf contests. Hundreds of hours of playing catch in the backyard. A big NY Yankee fan, he and I watched with avid interest as Roger Maris chased Babe Ruth for the home run record of 61 for a single season. We collected coins, and one of our fave activities was walking downtown, exchanging currency for rolls of pennies at banks and than walking over to central Park and going thru the coins to find what we needed to add to our collections. Simple pleasures that made up our childhoods. The very best of memories. I am currently in Florida and unable to attend the May 2nd memorial. I would certainly attend if possible.

Rest well old friend.

Bob Chagnon

Bob Chagnon - April 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM