



Obituary

[Arnell Newsome](#)

June 27, 1953 – June 22, 2025

Arnell Newsome of Pittsburgh, age 71, passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Arnell is survived by his siblings, Cevan Newsome, Kelli Jordan, Dean (Jennifer) Newsome, Colleen Newsome, and Courtney Newsome, and his surrogate aunt, Gladys Irvin.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ethel Newsome; and his brother, Donzal Newsome.

Also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as his lifelong friend Gary Goltz of Upland, California.

Arnell was proud to have been raised in the town of Braddock, PA, and was a 1971 graduate of St. Thomas Catholic High School. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Arnell proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves and was stationed at the 911th Airlift Wing just outside of Pittsburgh.

Arnell became a well-known figure in downtown Pittsburgh as the proud owner of a shoeshine/repair business, located in the Grant Building. His shop became more than just a place for repairs; it was a hub of community and camaraderie. Arnie's warm smile and genuine interest in his customers' lives earned him countless friendships, which he maintained even after his retirement in 2023. His ability to connect with people from all walks of life was truly remarkable.

He was an active member of the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, where taught judo classes as a holder of a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt. He was also a member of their board of directors.

Those who knew Arnell will remember him as a loving individual who always put the needs of others before his own.

As per Arnell's wishes, there will not be a visitation or service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Patrick T. Lanigan Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, (412) 824-8800.

Memorial contributions may be made in Arnell's name to the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, 600 W. North Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.











