The Rev. John Taylor Arms IV, VTS ’78

The Rev. John Taylor Arms IV, 54, of Naples, FL, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, following a long illness. He was the son of Henry Noyes Arms and Mary Jane (Ward) Arms of Fairfield, CT.

The Rev. Mr. Arms grew up in Fairfield, and was graduated with honors in English literature from Hamilton College, Clinton, NY in 1973. In 1978 he was awarded the degree Master in Divinity cum laude by the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. Arms was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church in 1979, and served in West Hartford, CT, prior to being called to be Associate Rector at Trinity-By-The-Cove, Naples, FL from 1980 to 1983. Thereafter, Arms served parishes in Virginia from 1983 to 1995. He returned to Naples in 1995 and served as an at large Sunday Supply Priest to Episcopal congregations from Marco Island to Arcadia until 2001.

Rev. Arms is survived by his life partner of 12 years, Richard L. Garst Jr., originally from Salem, VA; by a sister, S.A. Hawkins of Sebring, FL; and by a niece, Jenny Noyes Horning of Frederick, MD; and a grandniece, Caedon Suzanne Summers, also of Frederick. A memorial service at Trinity-By-The-Cove Episcopal Church, 553 Galleon Drive, Naples, was held on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, the Lymphoma Research Foundation or to Hospice of Naples.

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