



Arlene M. Marschke

July 27, 1924 - July 27, 2013

Arlene M. Marschke, of Benton Harbor, passed away on her 89th Birthday, Saturday morning, July 27, 2013, at the Willows in St. Joseph.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 30, at Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church, 510 Main Street, in St. Joseph, with Rev. Joan Oleson officiating. Burial will be private at a later date at Riverview Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held following the service, Tuesday, in the church Fellowship Hall where refreshments will be provided. Memorials may be made to the church. Per her family's wishes, messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Arlene was born July 27, 1924, in Benton Harbor to Arthur and Nellie Peterson. She has been a life-long member of the community. Arlene married Herbert Marschke on November 1, 1947 and together had five children. Arlene worked for many years as a R.N. at both Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Arlene wanted to be remembered for being a "good mother, good wife, and always did good things." Three words describing her life would be, Honest, Fair, and Loving.

Arlene is survived by her children, Laura Marschke-Lesher of St. Joseph, Gretchen (Lloyd) Plewes of Zeeland, Stephen Marschke of St. Joseph, and Dr. Eleanor Marschke of Margate, Florida; grandchildren, Alex, Zachery

(Ashley) and Whitney Leshner, Kristen (Andy) Nelson, Jenna and Josh Plewes, and Elizabeth (Marco) Broggio, and Ashley Marschke; and by three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert in 2002; son, Charles in 1981; and by her siblings, Audree Marshall and Arthur Peterson.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Service

JUL **30**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Saron Lutheran Church
510 Main Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I have very fond memories of Arlene during her rehab stay. It was a privilege to work, and laugh, with her. She always had that mischievous look that made you wonder what was next and that contagious smile that brought you into her world of laughter. What a blessing she bestowed upon us with her wit and humor. Look out Heaven ... Kathleen, Therapist at Royalton Manor

Kathleen Miles - October 09, 2013 at 07:23 PM

AC

“ Dear Marschke family, I am wishing you the strength to sustain you during this difficult time and the healing that soothes both mind and spirit. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you!

-It has been such a blessing to meet someone filled with so much laughter and love. I have known Arlene for 8 months and in that short period of time she made it feel like I have known her forever. From her calling me "Miss Beautiful" to listening to her stories and jokes, and giving me great words of wisdom and advice, I will miss Arlene dearly!

Au'Bree Coleman, former worker at The Willows

Au'Bree Coleman - July 30, 2013 at 06:41 PM

EA

“ So many good memories. Love this picture of her. It is "so" her. Mostly I remember she never got rattled about anything. I guess with five kids you kind of learn to be that way. Mostly I remember visits to the house and lots of laughs by my mom and dad and Herb and Arlene. She was a dear friend to my mother and I will never forget her.

Erin Allen - July 30, 2013 at 06:20 PM

AT

“ Dear Marschke Family, We have lost another "Grand" lady and my Mother's dearest friend and "partner in crime". My deepest sympathy and God bless each and everyone of you. Sincerely, Art Truman

Arthur Truman - July 30, 2013 at 03:56 PM

DR

“ When I think of Arlene, I think of three words - joyful, complimentary and humorous. Ok, maybe humorous isn't the word - more like hysterical. She always had everyone in stiches. I'm sure Heaven will never be the same now that Arlene is there! Can you imagine the angles in a good, hearty belly laugh?

We had a rose in her memory on Sunday at Willows Church.

It is a privilege to have known her and loved her. My continued prayers are with her family in the days ahead.

Denise Redman, friend from the Willows

Denise Redman - July 29, 2013 at 09:01 AM