



Arlene M. Keeton

August 24, 1941 - October 23, 2023

Arlene Marie Keeton, 82, of Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully in the company of family in the early evening of October 23, 2023. Arlene was a loving wife, mother and grandmother that always put the needs of others before her own. A long-time resident of Berkley, she was very active within the community. Arlene was always present and involved in her children's interests and activities, whether it be the PTA, Jaycee's, Cub/Girl Scouts, coaching Mom's Club Softball, or as a regular attendee for Jr/Sr High School sporting events.

Arlene was a constant reminder of what was right. Having started her family at a very young age, she showed her love and dedication to her family and for education by gaining her HS diploma as an adult with her husband and children there to see her graduate. While her children were school age, Arlene worked part-time for the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, and later worked for Kelly Services.

Arlene enjoyed bowling, bingo, reading and trips to Las Vegas with her husband.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Jerry L. Keeton. She is survived by her children Jerry Keeton Jr., Lorri (Stan) Beyer, Darryl (Connie) Keeton, and Darla (Ken) Pooley, her grandchildren Daniel Beyer,

Ben Beyer, Ryan Keeton, Matthew Keeton, Greg (Petra) Pugh and Evan Pugh, and her great grandchildren Mina, Grant and Ada Pugh.

In honor of Arlene's memory the family would appreciate donations to The Salvation Army or Paralyzed Veterans of America.

www.salarmy.us/holidaydetroit

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ My memory of arlene goes way back to her years in California. I was married to her brother Jim and for a time we lived next door to each other. I was pregnant at the same time she was pregnant with Darrel and Darla. I have such fond memories of her two older children Jerry and Lorri. At one point Red's sister Sue joined them followed by her husband to be Rick and the birth of their boy Nick. Who could forget Arlene's Red. He may have been the head of the family but I believe Arlene was the sole. The best way for me to know Red was through Arlene eyes. Her kindness and devotion to her family can not be understated. It has been between 55 to 60 years ago they all moved backed home to Michigan. I did talk to Arlene a few years back. So many years have passed but I would know her laugh. Arlene you did good and thank you for our tie together. I will always remember you with love. Love to the family.

Kathy

KATHY MCINTYRE - February 28, 2024 at 12:16 PM

DP

“ My Mom was the kindest person I've ever known. She did everything for her family and you never heard a complaint. She prepared holiday meals year after year and made it look effortless- I've since discovered that it takes quite a bit of effort! She was always there when you needed a hug and I will miss that the most. Love you Mom!

Darla Pooley - November 05, 2023 at 05:02 PM

NS

“ Aunt Arlene was my favorite aunt. She would yell at me when I slammed the toilet seat but it didn't matter: I still loved her. She had 3 kids older than me so when my mom had me Arlene gave mom all the advice. I never realized how hard it must have been to raise a family of four kids in a tiny house on a limited income until years later when I had something to compare it to. She made it all work anyway. The house rules were strict but lots of fun happened with good food, good parties, and lots of laughter.

Uncle Red was the theoretical boss but Arlene ran the show quietly in the background.

I only allowed two people to get away with calling me "Nicky," my grandmother and Aunt Arlene. It's likely clichè but "they don't make them like her anymore."

Nephew "Nicky"

Nicholo John Sartor - October 29, 2023 at 08:08 PM

SS

“ Arlene was, by law, my sister-in-law, but by heart she was my sister. When my brother rescued me from an abusive foster home, she welcomed me and gave me a home for my last two years of high school. I was so glad to return the favor when they, and their 4 children, came back to Michigan and stayed with my family for a summer while looking for a house.

We only lived a few miles apart while we raised our children and supported each other through the birthday parties, holiday celebrations, sports events, and the troubles of motherhood.

Arlene was a sister and a dear friend, since I was 9 years old. I know she is now in heaven with my "sometimes grouchy"brother, who she loved beyond telling. I am glad for her, but I shall miss her dearly, until we meet again in heaven's glory.

Sister Susie

Sue Sartor - October 29, 2023 at 05:58 PM

DK

“ My Mom was the most honest, selfless and caring person I have ever known. I remember once when I was a young teen, my Mom came back from an errand to the bank to cash a check. When she got home she pulled the bank envelope from her purse to count the cash and found that there was \$10.00 more than the check was for, as two of the bills were stuck together. She told me she had to go back to return it. She not only had to return the money but she had to go right away. She had glanced at the clock and said she had to go right now because the cashier’s shift was going to end soon and she, “didn’t want that poor cashier girl’s drawer to be short, “ because she didn’t want her to get in trouble. My Mom didn’t even know the bank cashier, but that’s the type of person she was. Her four kids couldn’t have had a better role model. In my entire 60 years I have never heard a negative word spoken by anyone about her. She will be missed by anyone and everyone that ever knew her.

Darryl Keeton

Darryl Keeton - October 27, 2023 at 10:08 PM

KM

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the family at the loss of your mother. As a cousin of Jerry’s, I met Arlene about 20 years ago when she & Jerry came to my home in Millersburg, OH to visit my mother (Alma Mullins) there. I feel fortunate to have met such a lovely person.

Kay Mullins - October 27, 2023 at 09:30 AM