



Arlene L. Schanuel

October 10, 1927 - October 28, 2020

Arlene L. Schanuel, 93, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2020, in her home with her family at her side.

Arlene was born October 10, 1927, in Belleville, IL, the daughter of Joseph C. and Louise Ann (Gronemeyer) Armbruster. A homemaker, Arlene was a faithful member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. She married Edward W. Schanuel, on June 18, 1947, in Belleville.

Arlene is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Edward of Decatur; sons: Warren Joseph Schanuel and Joseph Edward (Marcella) Schanuel of Decatur; daughters: Mary Jo Therese Schanuel (fiancé Craig Bulla) and Ann Jolene Schanuel of Decatur; grandchildren: Cynthia Weingart Kwasnik (Matthew), Lisa Weingart (fiancé Mike Tinsley), Michael (Amanda) Mitchell, Marcus (Janice) Mitchell, Kyle (Brittany) Schanuel and Chase (fiancé Rebecca) Schanuel; 16 great grandchildren, several cousins and many friends.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents.

She loved being active. Her Catholic faith was her lighthouse. Arlene was a professed member of the Order of Carmelites Discalced Secular Community of St. Joseph in St. Louis, MO for 64 years; one of the original Perpetual Adoration Adorers at St. Mary's Chapel for 25 years and an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary. Arlene's sweet smile and blue eyes would light a room...especially at family gatherings.

The family will be celebrating the life of Arlene with a private family Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery. Due to the covid pandemic the family has chosen to have private family services for the safety of others. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 2160 N Edward St, Decatur, IL 62526 or WDCR Decatur Catholic Radio, 1800 East Lake Shore Drive, Decatur, IL 62521.

The family of Arlene L. Schanuel is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at <http://www.moranandgoebel.com>.

Comments



“ Dear Ed, Ann, and family,

I was very sorry to learn of Arlene's passing. She was always so kind, thoughtful and welcoming and I looked forward to seeing her at Mass. She was blessed to have such loving caregivers in all of you and her St.Thomas family will miss her faith-filled, smiling presence. You are all in my prayers at this difficult time.

Karen Klein - November 06, 2020 at 02:54 AM



“ Dearest Ann,

I was so sorry to read about the death of your mom, Arlene. I will always remember her attending Mass at the chapel and the loving care that both you and your Dad showed her. Prayers for your comfort and peace.

Patrice Hunt - November 05, 2020 at 06:25 PM



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Mary Jo Schanuel - November 05, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ I will always remember Arlene's beautiful smile and the twinkle she had in her eyes. She was such a kind and gentle soul, and just radiated the peace of Jesus. I was blessed to know her! My deepest sympathies go to Ed and Ann and to all of the family.

Cindy Neisen from Carmel - November 04, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Rosie Harris lit a candle in memory of Arlene L. Schanuel



Rosie Harris - November 03, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Ed, Anne and Warren,

Arlene always had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone. A beautiful lady! She will be greatly missed in the front row at church. I can imagine her sitting in the midst of angels and praising God and praying for us that are left behind.

You are in my prayers,

Rosie Harris

Rosie Harris - November 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ I always remember Arlene as so sweet and kind to me. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anne Elmorr - November 03, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Arlene and I were both Discalced Carmelite Seculars. We visited at our monthly meetings. She and Ed were regular attendees when I started 22 years ago. Arlene never failed to ask about my daughter. The last time I saw her was at the 2019 outdoor novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and she asked about my daughter.

Joan Bohac - November 02, 2020 at 10:26 PM