



Arlene E. McMorran

February 26, 1942 - November 17, 2020

Arlene Elizabeth McMorran (Sukowatey), 78, of Beloit, WI, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in her home.

She was born February 26, 1942 in Madison, WI, the daughter of Arthur and Genevieve (Hensen) Sukowatey. The oldest of seven children, Arlene grew up on her family's apple orchard in Waunakee, WI. At age 14, she left home to attend St. Mary's Springs Academy in Fond du Lac, WI., graduating in 1960. While attending Marion College, Arlene's Catholic faith led her to join the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes where she professed her vows as a religious sister in 1962. Taking the name Sister Rosine, she achieved her childhood goal of becoming a teacher. She taught students in Catholic Schools in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Mississippi until 1973.

Feeling God calling her down a different path, Arlene left religious life, but remained close to her vocation as a teacher as she worked in Catholic Schools and hospitals in Phoenix, AZ. It is there where she met Frank McMorran. They were married on July 26, 1975 at St. John's Church, Waunakee, WI. After the birth of her daughter and son, Arlene and her family moved home to Wisconsin where she completed her Master's degree in Educational Administration at the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1984.

Arlene became the principal of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (OLA) in Beloit, WI in January of 1985. This is where she found her "forever home"! Arlene was the principal at OLA for 27 years. She loved OLA, her staff and students greatly. Helping students grow academically and spiritually was a true passion for Arlene to which she dedicated herself fully. The school and parish community were like family to her, and it was a joy for Arlene to work and serve among them.

After retiring from OLA in 2011, she continued to serve the Beloit Community as she became the part-time secretary for St. Stephen's parish in Clinton, WI. She was the co-chair for the OLA Alumni Committee and helped run the Alumni Committee Facebook page. She served as the President of the local Zonta Club where she became passionate about bringing awareness to issues such as domestic violence and human trafficking. She also worked with Dismas, the Catholic group that visits those incarcerated in Rock County Jail.

Arlene adored her family and especially delighted in spending time with her two

grandchildren. She felt truly blessed to be involved in the lives of so many dear friends. Anyone who met Arlene, even briefly, could see the authentic joy and giving spirit with which she lived her whole life. The family wishes to thank Beloit Regional Hospice and dearest friends who assisted with her care.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean-Marie (Alex) Armaos; grandchildren, Theodore and Genevieve; siblings, Roger (Bonnie) Sukowatey, Dan (Ruth) Hiller, Ronald (Susan) Cone, Ray (Bonnie) McAllister and Gary (Cindy) Sukowatey.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Frank, son, Sean; and brother, Stanley. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the OLA Tuition Assistance Fund in her name.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Arlene will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2222 Shopiere Road, Beloit WI, with Fr. Michael Resop officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Waunakee, WI.

Visitation of remembrance will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2020 in Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Visitation will also be from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday in the church.

Cemetery

St. John's Cemetery
209 South Street
Waunakee, WI, 53597

Events

NOV 23 Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
2222 Shopiere Road, Beloit, WI, US

NOV 24 Visitation 10:00AM - 10:45AM

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NOV 24 Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Blessed to have know Arlene.
Rose and Kevin Daskam



Rose Daskam - January 08 at 06:02 PM



“ Bessie From Bessie's Creative Sewing lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Bessie from bessie's creative sewing - January 08 at 02:51 PM



“ What a wonderful lady we had the pleasure of knowing! Whether through OLA school or parish, it was always nice to have a chance to catch up or share an event. Arlene will be warmly remembered as she touched the lives of so many including ours.

In sympathy,
Vicki and Gary Dencker



Vicki Dencker - December 11, 2020 at 02:10 AM



“ SUE lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



SUE - December 03, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ To all of my dear Sukowatey relatives:
So sorry to hear of Arlene's passing. But she certainly lived a purposeful and blessed life!
Know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Judy Hensen Humpal and family

Judith Humpal - November 29, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ Vicky McClurg lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Vicky McClurg - November 24, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daley Murphy Wisch Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ I will miss Arlene's joyful spirit. Whether she was celebrating her grandkids on Facebook or speaking to you in person, her spirit just filled you with light. Jean-Marie and family, her light extends beyond this world and will continue to shine brightly within you all your days. My sympathies and prayers are with you.

Anne Doebler - November 24, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Meghan Moffett-Minter lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Meghan Moffett-Minter - November 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Tara Tinder lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Tara Tinder - November 21, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Arlene was a wonderful woman who had a smile of her face quite often after masses we attended at OLA and St. Stephens. She and Fr. Mike brought communion to me several times while I was recovering from sepsis at Meadow Park Nursing Home in Clinton.

She was a special person who we were fortunate to know through her church ministries. RIP, Arlene. You are in the loving arms of God now. We'll miss you but you won't be forgotten.



Diane & Kevin Lupker - November 21, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ I was observing Arlene teaching a first grade class. Class had been dismissed and all were gone except on little boy who was was about to walk out into the cold without being bundled up. Arlene invited him back, stooped down to zip his coat, tie his scarf, put his hat on and fasten his boots. He looked up her and said, "Life is tough!" We both had a good chuckle.

I was impressed with her calm, caring way with her students.

Sister Ruth Battaglia CSA - November 21, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Barb Colborn lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Barb Colborn - November 21, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Arlene was an amazing women. I was substitute teacher at OLA and witnessed her skills with the kids and parents. And we were with her on our trip to Israel She will be missed

jim and joan schneider - November 24, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Donna Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Donna Ambrose - November 20, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ When someone you love becomes a memory
the memory become a treasure

Arlene was such apart of so many family's in her OLA years and even when she rode off in the sunset on the horse!

I know she's flying with the Angels and looking down on us all.

Thanks for the memories Special Lady!



Lynda Champion - November 20, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Arlene's passing from her earthly life. Her kindness, compassion, love for others, and deep faith will resonate in me forever. When I joined the OLA family in 2011, she immediately touched me and helped me grow in my own faith journey. She took the time to listen to my days, both wonderful and challenging, and was a voice of reason - a true leader. When she talked to you, it was like you were her entire world; something I am willing to bet that everybody would say. Arlene's love for the church, the OLA community, and all of her children/families that she served will live on for generations, as she touched so many through her life. Thanks for all you've given, Arlene, and to the rest of the family - my prayer is that the Lord may turn your sorrow into hope and grace through His healing hand.

Mike Flanagan - November 20, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ We are so sorry to see the passing of your mom. When I think of her I see a smile that made you know she cared. She and your Dad were very important people in our lives when we moved to Beloit. May she rest in peace with her heavenly family. Hugs

Mary Anne and Greg Gaul

Mary Anne Gaul - November 20, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ When Arlene came into ours lives, it was truly a blessing. She was a wonderful woman with a great sense of humor. Arlene was very adventurous, she used to make us laugh with some of her stories. Arlene was a true inspiration to my son, she never gave up on anyone. Arlene, you were truly loved, and will be missed.



Melinda Wright - November 20, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Arlene was one of the kindest and most patient person I've ever known. Her unflinching support and willingness to extend herself made her a wonderful person to work with and for. She will be missed.

Diane Wilson - November 20, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Arlene was truly a beautiful person. I thoroughly enjoyed the time we worked together. She loved her family and the students and teachers in the school. It was an honor and a pleasure knowing her. Father Dave Timmerman

Father Dave Timmerman - November 20, 2020 at 02:55 AM



“ Jean Marie and family. Your family and our community of people who knew Mrs. Mc Morran have lost a truly wonderful soul. She was so kind, caring, loving, devoted person not only to the church but to everyone whom she came in contact with. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this sad time in your life. Turn to God for comfort.

God bless you all. Patty Raethz



Patty Raethz - November 20, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ Jean Marie and family, We as a family were so sorry to here of your Moms passing. Our sons have such wonderful memories of her and what a great person she was to them, as do we. She always went above and beyond for her students and parents. I'm sure she will be a guardian angel for you and your children whom she loved so much. I can only hope I can be half the person she was. We will always remember her and you in our prayers. Blessings to you all. Dudley and Anne Rhoades

Dudley and Anne Rhoades - November 19, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ It was an honor and a privilege to serve with Arlene at St. Stephen's Parish where her gracious and caring presence touched the lives of all of us who knew her. Her unflinching faith in the Lord bespoke of a deep devotion and ocean of caring for all of her years that blessed the lives of friends, family, students, teachers, the imprisoned and all who enjoyed her attention and gift of encouragement and love. Msgr. Dan Ganshert

daniel Ganshert - November 19, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ Carolyn Urbanec lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. McMorran



Carolyn Urbanec - November 19, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ " Principally Speaking" Arlene was a wonderful boss and a true friend. Her heart was huge and she warmed even the coldest person with her smile and mannerisms. We had such good times in and out of school. Her family was her truest passion and she adored Sean and Jean Marie. Her beautiful grandchildren brought her so much joy and happiness. God gained a wonderful angel on Tuesday. The rest of us have a little piece of our hearts broken. Fly high my friend!

Jean Voss - November 19, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Arlene touched the lives of countless souls of all ages. She brought a smile to your face when she greeted you and looked into your eyes. Everyone was special to Arlene. Thank you Arlene for the gift of you. Your presence will always be in our hearts. My love to all the family. Of one soul to another. John Casey Kalkirtz



John C. Kalkirtz - November 19, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Jean Marie-I hold you and Alex and the kids in my heart today and in these days to come as you mourn your mom's passing. I know what a beautiful relationship you shared with her. I was blessed to work on staff with Arlene at OLA for 8 years. I smile now thinking of her contagious laugh! We would laugh at some silly thing one of us did and know that whatever we were dealing with that it would all work out in the end. When our infant son died, Arlene was such a comfort and wealth of wisdom as she shared with us her own grief over losing her son, Sean many years before and helped me in countless ways to move forward. Arlene was not only a co-worker and friend, but she was my children's principal. I recall one particular time when my son needed to be disciplined. Arlene was serious and stern with him but of course called him honey so that he knew that even though he had done wrong and would be punished, he was still loved by her. She always saw the good in others and did not judge them by their bad actions. She knew everyone is a beloved child of God and treated them as such! She adored Genevieve and Theodore and was proud of Jean Marie and Alex and the life they are building. Her utter devotion to her family and the ministries she held dear are examples I will take with me throughout my life. I will miss you dear friend! I know you are at peace with Frank and Sean and will continue to watch over Jean Marie, Alex, Genevieve, and Theodore.

Sandy Blevins - November 19, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ It was an honor to work with Arlene at OLA School. Her enthusiasm and passion for education was truly an inspiration. Additionally, Arlene's chili recipe, as shared at one of the OLA chili cook-off contests years ago, is STILL a staple at our house and we think of Arlene whenever it is served. May your memories comfort you during this difficult time.

Mary Madaus - November 19, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Arlene was a very special person that will be missed terribly for all those who knew her, her daughter Jean Marie, Alex and her very special grandkids that she adored them and were the light of her life. We were always amazed with her always positive attitude and her strong faith that kept her going with all The medical issues she had to go through. We will never forget her cheerful and kind smile. Jean Marie, losing your Mom is the most difficult time but remember now you have an angel in heaven that you know well. She will always look at you and your family and give you the shiny and kind smile. Love you all. Katherine & George Armaos.

George Armaos - November 20, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ I loved being around Arlene--so kind and gracious. We at St. Stephen's in Clinton will surely miss her. God Bless Arlene and her family. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. Rest in peace. Pam and Terry Strom

Pam/Terry Strom - November 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM