



Arleen Marian LaRoque

March 24, 1935 - October 19, 2024

Arleen Marian (Salmi) LaRoque

Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed away on October 19, 2024, at home with family at her side. Arleen was born on March 24, 1935, in Hibbing Minnesota to loving parents Elmer J. Salmi and Linda J. (Maki) Salmi.

Arleen graduated from Nashwauk High School in 1953. She was a Cheerleader and participated in Speech Humorous Declarations at the state level. Arleen decided to attend The University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus (UMD). Arleen graduated from UMD in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. At UMD she met the love of her life Dennis LaRoque. Dennis and Arleen were married for 68 years. During that time, she continued her education in Special Education at Purdue University and at UMD. She went on to be a teacher. She taught in Special Education, Physical Education, and Adaptive Physical Education. Arleen taught in Duluth, Proctor, and Eden Prairie Public Schools. She also taught for the State of Minnesota teaching teachers how to adapt Physical Education to students with disabilities. Arleen also taught at Groves Academy, St. Louis Park, MN.

Arleen loved teaching, cared deeply for students, and cherished their progress.

During her lifetime, Arleen enjoyed traveling, camping and most of all she cherished her cabin time at Rose Lake. Rose Lake was her home away from home for 54 years. Her happiest times were with friends and loved ones visiting and enjoying the lake and the surrounding forest. Gardening was her passion, spring, summer, and fall.

Arleen was preceded in death by her mother Linda; her father Elmer; her sister Helen, and brother Richard (Dick); her three infant daughters, Ann, Jane, and Michell, daughter Elizabeth. Arleen loved her family, Dennis, Jon (Andrea), Liz. Grandchildren Emily LaRoque, Sophie LaRoque, Nick (Heather) Gordon, Amy Gordon, and Lily Gordon; great grandchildren Ophelia Gordon and Odette Gordon.

Her celebration of life will be held on November 09, 2024, at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home. 515 Highway 96 West, Shoreview, Minnesota. Starting at 11:00am Visitation, 12:00pm Service and 1:00pm Luncheon.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Elizabeth LaRoque Memorial Fund at the Rochester Area Foundation. Checks can be made out to the Rochester Area Foundation (Liz Law). Contributions go to help the legal assistance program in Olmsted County.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Reception

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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