



Arlene Elizabeth Nesland

February 8, 1931 - May 30, 2025

Arlene went home to be with Jesus on Friday May 30, 2025 at the age of 94. Arlene was born to Art & Ida Thompson. She grew up on a farm in Colman, South Dakota. She was very active in her Church from childhood. Arlene received many perfect attendance awards from Sunday School, attended Bible camps, later taught Sunday School, and served in many capacities at Church. After graduating from high school, she attended bible camp and committed her life to Christ. Arlene entered Nursing School at Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, SD.

Arlene married Ben Nesland in 1951. They lived in Mitchell and worked there until they moved to Brooklyn Park, MN in 1956. All 3 of their girls were born there.

During a Christian Women's Club luncheon, Arlene learned that being active in Church and knowing God was not enough to get her to heaven. She needed a personal relationship with Jesus and at that luncheon in 1970 she accepted Him as her personal Savior.

Arlene worked at North Memorial Hospital from 1956 until December 1988. They moved to their lake home by Monticello in 1988 and she worked at the Monticello Hospital for nearly 10 years. She always took the winters off so she and Ben could go to their winter home in Cape Coral, Florida. They enjoyed their time there, and she continued to go until April 2025. They loved their

Church home in Florida, First Christian, and were active there as well as in Monticello Hope Church and Crystal Free-now New Hope Church.

With Ben's help and many good friends, Arlene planned and fixed and served lunch for Silver & Gold at New Hope Church for 21 years. After Ben passed away in 2012 Arlene continued to help as long as she could.

Next to Jesus, Arlene's family were very important to her.

She loved them all and was very proud of them. She prayed for each one by name every morning and sometimes many times during the day.

Arlene is survived by her three daughters, MerriJo (LeRoy) Moyer, Linda (Bradley) Loeks, Jane (Jeff) Johnson. Four grandchildren, Emily (Kaleb) Erickson, Jarek (Valerie) Ceballos, Jeremy (Erica) Loeks, Kaylee (Michael) Sundet. Six great grandchildren, Jackson Ceballos, Sophia Loeks, Eleanora Ceballos, Blakely Sundet, Bennett Loeks & Braxton Sundet. One sister, Dee Lawver, niece, Vicki Maddox, nephew, Darcy Lawver and families, and nephew Red (Linda) McMonagle. Along with many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben, her parents, sister-in-law, and 2 brothers-in-law.

Open casket visitation on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at the Washburn McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Her funeral service will be held at New Hope Church (4225 Gettysburg Ave. N., New Hope) on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 11:30 AM. A closed casket visitation will be held before the service at 10:30 AM. Interment Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to: FCC Missions, RHOP, Camp Shamineau.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Visitation

JUN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

New Hope Church
4225 Gettysburg Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55428

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Hope Church
4225 Gettysburg Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55428

Graveside Service

JUN 5. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. I got to meet her & my father-in-law Ben at Perkins in Elk River. My husband, Ben, got to meet his biological father for the first time that day. So sorry she kept you girls from meeting your brother. He too was a Godly man, spending 7 years in the seminary. He longed to to know each of you.



B. Shorten - September 20, 2025 at 04:35 PM

TR

“ So sorry. Had a hunch. Will service be on Facebook or YouTube?

Tim Roti - June 08, 2025 at 01:44 AM

TR

“ I've known Rene all my life. Mom's good friend. Fun at the lake house, Tim Roti.

Tim Roti - June 08, 2025 at 01:36 AM

JW

“ Dear Arlene! She was a wonderful friend of our family and was always so kind to my mom and dad when they were alive. She sat and prayed for mom until she died. I was always grateful for her kindness. We kept in touch and always enjoyed lunch with her when she was in town. She had "South Dakota can-do grit" and strong faith in the LORD.

Jan Werdin - June 04, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CF

“Arlene was the true meaning of a “prayer warrior”. She not only talked the talk of a beautiful Christian woman, she lived the life of one. My parents, Barb and Glenn Lind, were close friends of Ben and Arlene and they shared many great memories and stories of their time together and now they are all together again! As sad as this time is, Arlene was so ready to meet Jesus. Jane, Merrijo and Linda, I am so very sorry for your loss and my heart hurts for you as you go through this very sad, yet joyful time. Carol Freeman (Lind)

Carol Freeman - June 03, 2025 at 06:34 PM

DS

“David and Barb Sundet purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Arlene Elizabeth Nesland.



David and Barb Sundet - June 03, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JM

“Arlene and the Dickson family go way back. My earliest memory is from the Osseo United Methodist Church where mom and Arlene were good friends. They attended the Fireman's auxiliary and would meet for coffee. Dad was good friends with Ben, they belonged to the Brooklyn Park Fire Dept, and they would work on cars together. So many fun memories thru the years. May you share her love within your families, and may God bless you always.

Jim & Jill Dickson McEachern (Mc-KACK-rin)

Jill D. McEachern - June 03, 2025 at 05:49 AM

JM

“ I have many fond memories of Arlene and Ben, especially during our time together in Nikken - such generous, loving, Christian friends! Praying God's blessings for Arlene's family as they grieve, but also rejoice that she is now in her eternal home.

Joy Minion - June 02, 2025 at 07:09 PM

JL

“ Sweet memories of Arlene. She was such a prayer warrior and a wonderful support to her loving family. God's comfort to the family, as they grieve. Blessings and love ❤️🙏

Jeanne Laitinen - June 02, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arlene Elizabeth Nesland.

June 02, 2025 at 01:41 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Arlene Elizabeth Nesland.



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