



Arlene M. Colwell

October 20, 1928 - March 24, 2013

Arlene M. Colwell, 84, formerly of Aurora, IL and Wenatchee, WA, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2013 at her daughter's home. She was born October 20, 1928 to August and Mary (Assell) Millen in Aurora, Illinois.

Arlene graduated from Madonna High School. She was a St. Charles Hospital graduate in 1949 as a Registered Nurse. Arlene married Tom Colwell and they were married for 60 years. She worked in various hospitals in the Aurora area from 1953-1978. Arlene worked as an R.N. in Wenatchee, WA from 1978-1991 before moving back to Big Rock, IL in 1991. During her retirement they spent most winters in Mesa, AZ or going on one of the 21 cruises they enjoyed. They also loved camping throughout the United States. Arlene enjoyed creating crafts of all kinds. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great grandma.

She is survived by her children: Kenneth Edward (Mary) Colwell of Davenport, IA, Timothy Charles (Barbara) Colwell of Lakewood, WA, Karen Rose (Jeffrey) Phillips of Big Rock, Daniel William (Lynda) Colwell of Osceola, IA, James Paul (Ron Bergum) Colwell of Renton, WA and Maureen Suzanne (Stephen) Olson of West Chicago; eight grandchildren: Aaron (Gwen) Colwell, Michael (Christine) Phillips, Jonathan Colwell, Benjamin (Jenny) Colwell, Stephanie (Justin) Sommers, Nicholas (fiancé Julia) Colwell and Kyle and Megan Olson; and great grandchildren, Madelyn and Ryan Phillips.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband in 2010; her parents; eldest daughter, Sharon; and brothers, Fr. Edwin, Richard and William Millen.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at St. Joseph Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Jerome Leake and Fr. Bob Jones will officiate with interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, April 1, 2013 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 7:00 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Arlene's family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Provena Fox Knoll, the Alzheimer's Association or to St. Katharine Drexel Church, 8 S 055 Dugan Road, Sugar Grove, IL 60554.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Memorial Mass

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Arlene M. Colwell



Daleiden Mortuary - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Maureen,

I hope by now your grief has been eased and that you and yours are doing well. I knew your mom and dad only slightly having met them and spoken with them because of you and our joint involvement in soccer.

Its been many years ago, and often thought of you and have not seen you since those days, though through the years I somehow did learn you had moved to Illinois. In any event with this sad occasion I was able to find a means to make contact with you again and say "hello". It appears you have pursued the profession so well performed by your mother and accordingly fulfilling those dreams she had for you.

*While this may not be the most appropriate place to communicate I am taking this opportunity to do so and am leaving my email address should you wish to respond; would love to hear from you...
POLLUXAKS_4@nwi.net.*

Best regards and with love,

*Larry
(your old coach in case you don't remember)*

LARRY C. RUSSELL - April 19, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arlene M. Colwell.*



March 31, 2013 at 08:26 PM

DM

“ Karen So sorry to hear of your Mother,s passing. I went through high school with Arlene and I have happy memories of your mother,s good happy personality. Doris Millen

Doris Millen - March 31, 2013 at 04:18 PM

TI

“ It seems Mrs. Colwell left a legacy to follow. May your family find comfort in Jesus promise found in the Bible at John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29. It states: “ Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.

Tiffany - March 31, 2013 at 07:33 AM

BC

“ 1 file added to the album Arlene



Barb Colwell - March 28, 2013 at 08:36 PM

LL

“ *What a beautiful smile Arlene was blessed with!! I worked with her from her first day with Dr Kraft at the clinic until she retired from Columbia Pediatrics. She was great to work with! It was hard to get her frazzled and she had a calming effect on me. She always showed concern and interest in my life and my daughter's life and I felt a certain peace when talking with her about family. She looved talking about her kids and grandkids! What a wonderful momma and grandma! She was so proud of every one of you. We always got to see pictures and hear of the newest accomplishments. Maureen, we probably heard more of you because you were the youngest. She was so proud that you followed in her footsteps and became, to her, the best nurse in the world!
I will miss hearing her and Tom's laughter! They were wonderful people.
You all are in my thoughts and prayers as you travel through this thing called grief! Know that you are loved!*

Laury (Powell) Lorz

Laury Lorz - March 28, 2013 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene M. Colwell.*



March 28, 2013 at 01:29 PM

KP

“ Karen,

So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.....You will have so many memories to look back on.....From the Probst Family to yours, God Bless

Kathy Probst-Czysz

Kathy Probst-Czysz - March 28, 2013 at 01:17 PM

BC

“ *Camping with Mom and Dad-*

Even though Mom (in law-but she was always Mom to me) was always smiling, and Dad was the one who would lose it every once in a while-parking the motor home was one of the only times I would see Mom lose her cool. Don't get me wrong, I think she loved camping-she planned every meal, made sure we had a minimum of 30 sleeping bags, and always had enough soap and tp so we never did without. What I never got use to was the wrangling that went on parking the motor home! Every time, people were looking for the escape hatch from the moment the site was picked until the little level in the frig was between the 2 lines. The rest of camping was heaven, but for those 5 minutes Mom definitely lost her smile. But oh Mom, what I wouldn't give to be back in the motor home right now! I will always cherish you.

Barb Colwell - March 28, 2013 at 01:12 PM

“ To all of Arlene's family and friends,

I share in your grieving over the loss of Arlene. It is a great comfort to know that she passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, and on her own terms. I, and all the rest of our staff here at Columbia Pediatrics in Wenatchee will miss her greatly. She was a wonderful nurse, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and wife. What an honor it was to be part of her life. She always had a smile on her face every day that I had ever been with her and always a kind word for whoever was around her.

I especially appreciate her as a practicing pediatrician. She was my first nurse that I worked with in an outpatient setting----we worked together for about 7 or 8 years before her retirement. Those were very formative years for me as a pediatrician and Arlene was so helpful in showing me the right way to practice medicine and take care of the families that needed our help. She was always compassionate, understanding, and precise in her care that she provided to all of our patients and demanded in her own quiet way that everyone else do the same! I have taken those early lessons and held on to those values over the years and have found that it is, and always will be central to a successful practice. I can't thank her enough for all that she has done for me, our practice, and our patients.

After her retirement it was a gift to have her stop by every summer just to say hi. Sharing old memories, catching up on the latest news, and, of course, laughing until our sides hurt was always so much fun! Tom added a lot to those visits too with his wonderful sense of humor and huge laugh! I will miss those surprise visits-----summer won't be the same!

The only time I have ever seen Arlene flustered was during a visit with us here in Wenatchee. We were sitting out on our deck, talking, and having some drinks, and she just told us the story of her anniversary gift from Tom, which she was also wearing-----her pear

shaped 1/3 carat diamond earrings (clip ons). All of a sudden one of the earrings popped off and fell onto the deck and rolled right into a crack in the decking and disappeared! Oh my gosh! Major trauma! I had those deck boards off so fast and luckily with a combination of luck and a flashlight we were able to find that earring! She put both earrings in her purse for safe keeping for the rest of our visit and I would guess that she probably never wore them again! She loved those earrings so much that she would never take the chance of losing them again!

I won't be able to attend her services, but know that I will be with you all in spirit and prayer. My memories of Arlene (and Tom) will be forever! God bless all of you as you celebrate her life!

With great affection,

David Cook, MD

David Cook - March 28, 2013 at 12:10 PM

DS

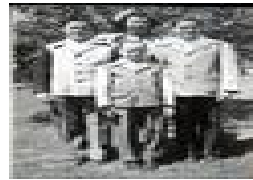
“*Dave & Betsy Cook and the Columbia Pediatrics Staff purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arlene M. Colwell.*



Dave & Betsy Cook and the Columbia Pediatrics Staff -
March 28, 2013 at 11:43 AM

BC

“ 4 files added to the album Arlene



Barb Colwell - March 26, 2013 at 11:08 AM

MH

“ *The staff at the St. Ambrose University Library extends our sympathies to your family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mary Heinzman
Library Director*

Mary Heinzman - March 25, 2013 at 04:03 PM