



Arlene Helen Shoemaker

June 4, 1931 - May 10, 2021

Arlene H. Shoemaker, 89, of Aurora, passed away Monday, May 10, 2021 at her home. She was born June 4, 1931, in Aurora, the daughter of Christian and Leona (Schratz) Fichtel.

She married Jerome Shoemaker February 5, 1949 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora.

Arlene was a life-long resident of Aurora, and had attended St. Therese and Our Lady of Good Counsel grade schools. She graduated from Madonna High School in 1948. Arlene served on the Kane County Board, she was the Chair of the Kane County Democrats and the President of the Kane County Forest Preserve. She was a member of St. Peter's and OLG C churches, as well as the League of Women's Voters. In 2006 Arlene was named one of Waubensee's "Fab 40" alumni in conjunction with the college's 40th anniversary.

Arlene started her community service with Aurora Neighbors United working on resolving housing inequities in the Fox Valley. She attributed her social and environmental activism to her schooling by the School Sisters of St. Francis at Madonna High School. In later years, she spoke often of her time at the Forest Preserve where she expressed her continuing appreciation of the rangers for their dedication and professionalism. The Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve in Aurora is named after her on property that was originally settled by her family.

The family would like to thank Seasons Hospice, Aundrea and Deitra, who

helped to gently care for their mother during her last months.

Arlene is survived by her 10 children, Mary Shoemaker, Anne (Victor) Von Ehr, Jenise (Daniel) Sidmore, Claire Keasler, Mark (Sandra) Shoemaker, Arlene Theresa Shoemaker, Jerome (Nadine) Shoemaker Jr., Kathleen (John) Wallbaum, Paul (Julie) Shoemaker, and John (Rachel) Shoemaker; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren with one on the way; her sister Mary Catherine (Dr. James) Thomas; and her sister-in-law Phyllis (Wayne) Fichtel. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jerome Shoemaker Sr.; and her brother Wayne Fichtel.

Funeral services will begin Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for Mass at 10:00 AM with Fr Timothy Mulcahey, officiating.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois. 630-631-5500.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, non-family visitors are asked to pay their respects to the family for only a few minutes and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks are required for those in attendance.

Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Arlene's family.

Memorial donations may be made to the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, WI, or to the Kane County Forest Preserve.

Tribute Wall



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Daleiden Mortuary - July 19, 2021 at 12:11 PM

IM

i miss my grandma so much imogen arlene shoemaker

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“ *From all the Hennings you will be missed*

May 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a fitting tribute to a strong woman who had deep roots in this community.*

May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Arlene's passing. Arlene was the President of the Forest Preserve District in 1991, when I was hired full-time. I always appreciated the opportunity she provided me. Please accept my sincere condolences. John Goreth Director of Operations Forest Preserve District of Kane County*

May 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *With heartfelt condolences,*

Pretty Please - May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire family. So many wonderful memories have been made and can be cherished forever. She was a very special woman. Thinking of you all. Your video tribute was lovely. I am making a donation to the Sisters of St. Francis in her memory. Hugs, Julie Garbe-Mey*

May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wishes of sympathy to the whole Shoemaker family but especially to Theresa and Anne, whom we know as friends. Your mom was a real pioneer in so many ways with her community and public service, and I will always remember how much she was admired and respected by our Women In Management group back in the 1980s. I was honored to know her, and I'm confident her legacy will continue. Nancy S. Hopp*

May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jerry, Mark and all of the Shoemaker family. So sorry for your loss.*

May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arlene Helen Shoemaker*

Life Journey Celebration Video - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

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“ *Arlene Helen Shoemaker*

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“ *We are so sorry for your lost. May the loving memories always be in your hearts.*

May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

A Full Life - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Pretty Please - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *May your wonderful Memories Last a lifetime! Our thoughts and prayers for the entire Shoemaker family. Love, Cindy and John Wrenn*

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Quad County Urban League's board and staff send our condolences to Theresa and the entire Shoemaker's family. Mrs. Shoemaker voice is deeply missed.*

Large Basket Garden - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Quad County Urban League's board and staff sends our condolences and prayers for Theresa and the entire Shoemaker's family. Her voice is missed.*

Large Basket Garden - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *My life is forever enriched by knowing Arlene and spending time with her and her wonderful family. Her loving example taught through example and among other things, she showed me how to value, love and support family. In so many ways, she leaves the world better than she found it. Rest in greatness, Arlene!*

May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *We will miss Arlene! Love to all the Shoemakers.*

Cherished Memories - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM