



Arlene Lucille McCarthy

October 31, 1928 - January 16, 2025

Arlene Lucille McCarthy of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away at the age of 96 on January 16, 2025 in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

She was born to Frank and Mildred Hemauer on October 31, 1928 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from Oconomowoc High School in 1946, Arlene was living with her parents when she became literally the girl next door. Arlene met her future husband, Donald McCarthy, when he visited his older brother – a neighbor to her parents. They were married two years later in Milwaukee and recently celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary in September 2024. Together they raised two daughters, Judith and Barbara.

In 1989, Arlene retired from a decades-long career as a clerical supervisor with L.M. Berry, Co. in Wisconsin. She and Don moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona where she enjoyed golfing, reading, knitting, and especially quilting. She leaves behind many beautiful quilts that she gifted to friends and family. Don and Arlene moved to Fort Collins in 2017 to be near family.

Arlene is survived by her husband Don, daughters Judy (Gary) Holtzen, Barbara (John Moren) McCarthy, six grandsons, twelve great-grandchildren, sister Sharon Kaczmariski, brother John (Joyce) Hemauer, and sister-in-law

Shelby Hemauer. She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers Frank and Ronald Hemauer.

A memorial service to celebrate Arlene's life will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 1:30 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO 80525. A cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall follows the service and inurnment. If you are unable to attend the service in person, we invite you to watch it by going to Redeemer's website at <https://www.redeemerconnect.com/> and clicking on the "Watch Live" button. Or, go directly to <https://live.redeemerconnect.com/>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church in memory of Arlene McCarthy.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 1:30 PM (MT)

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7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene was a warm, caring welcoming woman and Marv and I feel Blessed to have known her.* ”

Pamela E. Hart - January 23, 2025 at 12:51 PM