



Arlene Louise Nickell

June 18, 1959 - June 21, 2020

Arlene Louise Nickell, born Arlene Louise Blanchard, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of June 21, 2020 at the young age of 61. She was born June 18, 1959 in Columbus, Ohio to Elizabeth Anne Blanchard and William Robert McDonley.

At a young age, Arlene answered the call to serve our Nation, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. She served for seven years as a Production Control Specialist and as a Heating Systems Specialist, earning the rank of Sergeant. Her awards included the Air Force Achievement Medal for meritorious service with the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Later, she worked at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of New York State, tending to the requirements of special needs students. Most recently, Arlene was an office manager at Arrow American Pest Control of White Plains, MD often filling the office with laughter and kindness.

In her spare time, Arlene most enjoyed cooking, painting, playing word games, and reading. She was also an avid quilter and seamstress, most recently making over 300 masks for the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. She served as a volunteer at poker runs for Vacation 4 Vets and made wreaths for

charity. Arlene also volunteered with the Charles County Literacy Council and frequently donated to St. Jude. Arlene loved helping others.

Near the time of her death, she was surrounded by family holding her hands telling her that she was loved and that everything would be okay.

Arlene joins her grandmother, Blanchard, and brother, Butch, who preceded her. She is survived by her two sons, Matthew and Donald; her brother, Dave; her sisters, Angie and Rita; her grandchildren, Nichole, Camden, and Aiden; her great-grandson, Nolan; her in-laws, Roger, Shanice, Autumn, John, Ellen, Jimmy, and John; her many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and many, many friends. All of these she loved deeply.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her name and memory, Arlene L. Nickell, to St. Jude Children's Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/>

For those grieving, we find solace in John 14:1-3. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Louise Nickell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Arlene Louise Nickell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Of course, I always enjoyed her daily humorous facebook posts...Arlene always made me laugh hard and out loud ! She also proudly shared her recipes, which I pulled out and will make again soon in her honor...especially the goulash soup !! I was so sad to hear the news. I will miss you, Arlene, my kind and thoughtful friend . XOXO MIMI*

mimi quade - July 28, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *I love you Mom.
You are truly missed.
-Your Son,
Matthew Lee Nickell*

Matthew - July 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *I miss you !*

Raymond Whisby - July 23, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Although I never met Arlene in person, we were friends through Facebook and a common group (LOL) where we would share laughter, smiles and an occasional "Judge Judy" eye roll. Her sense of humor and upbeat personality touched so many people, even those of us who got to share her from a distance. I am glad that I got to know her, got to chat with her and got to share in her laughter. God rest, Arlene, you are truly missed.

Dyanne Parnel - July 08, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ Arlene, I got to know you as my next door neighbor at the Industrial Park and I use to tease you and call you the bug lady. We struck up a friendship and have been friends and neighbors for several years and during that time I got to know you and you became such a good friend. I will always remember you, cherish our talks on your cigarette breaks and will always know how lucky I was to have you as a friend.

My life will be empty without you in it...

*Miss you always
Love Cindy Baumann*

Cindy - July 01, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Ma.. it's still so hard to believe you are not here.. we still wait for you to walk in the door everyday 🥹 I'm going to miss our conversations and roaring one another, laughing together ❤️ I'm lucky to have Donny and you in my life.. you will forever be in my heart ❤️ Love ya ma 🙏❤️

Autumn Pankake - June 29, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ To my sister Arlene , you will be missed and loved forever, we weren't very close of late but I think of you often , I'm so thankful that we recently reconnected and I was able to talk to you before your sudden passing , know that I never stopped loving you and the boys and I know you and mom have reconciled in our fathers presence and are no longer suffering please watch over us all , and until we meet again I'll always be here for Donny and Mathew in any of they're needs . I've gained another angel in you RIP my sweet sister

david blanchard - June 26, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ NK Gig purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Arlene Louise Nickell.



NK Gig - June 25, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ My mom was my everything, my rock and my light. Mom, thank you for all you did for me to raise me. I truly hope you are with God now and resting in peace. I love you. ~Donny



NK Gig - June 25, 2020 at 07:43 PM