



Arlene Reich

January 26, 1944 - September 13, 2010

Arlene passed away peacefully early on the morning of Sept 13, 2010. After a valiant battle with cancer, she is at rest. Services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, September 17, 2010, at Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck, with Rev. Donna Dohrmann officiating. Burial will be held at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Thursday, September 16, 2010, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Born to Helen and Howard Christensen in Grant County, Elgin, ND, on January 26, 1944, she grew up on a small farm just west of Raleigh, ND. She graduated Flasher High School with distinction in 1962 and was recognized by the faculty as "Outstanding Student." Just one year previously, in 1961, she was named "Miss Grant County," which allowed her to go to compete in the Miss North Dakota pageant. She also attended college, earning credits at both Dickinson State, and Bismarck State Colleges. During high school, she met Buell Reich of Elgin, whom she eventually married and settled in Bismarck ND. Any who knew her were well acquainted with her tireless drive, utterly selfless nature, quick wit, and soft smile. These hallmark personality traits were evident in all she did, both professionally and personally. She spent the greatest portion of her career working as a legal assistant for the law firm of Zuger & Bucklin, which later became Zuger, Kirmis, & Smith, from 1979 until she retired in 2003 to spend more time with her family. In her 24 years with the firm, she came to be known not only for her intelligence and hard work, but

also for her fantastic sense of humor, and she will be greatly missed by everyone there. In more recent years, she worked part-time at St. Alexius Medical Center, bringing her hard-working, compassionate, style to the Radiology Department there. Arlene's family was the greatest joy of her life. It was to them to whom she was most dedicated and of whom she was most proud. It is they who know of her fantastic cooking skills, special sense of humor, and generous, giving, nature, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Buell Reich, her son, Dr. Brent Reich of Billings, MT, and her daughter and son-in-law, attorney Kristin R. Willadsen and Anders Willadsen, of Yorktown, IN. She is also survived by four 4 grandchildren, Liv Claire Reich 6 1/2 of Billings, MT, and Kira Helene Willadsen 7, Landon Marius Willadsen 2 1/2 , and Nora Malia Willadsen 7 months, all of Yorktown, IN. Arlene is also survived by four 4 siblings, three 3 nieces, and three 3 nephews, three 3 great-nieces, and two 2 great nephews: Arlene's older brother is Raymond Christensen, married to Sandra Jacobson Christensen; they have a son Kyle Christensen wife Shelly with two daughters, Taylor and Cassidy, and a daughter, Shari Christensen Sanders husband Patrick, with three children: Carly, Jake, and Ty. Arlene has two younger brothers, Robert Christensen and Brian Christensen, and one younger sister, Arlis Christensen Waltos, all three of whom Arlene nurtured from a very young age. Arlis and her husband Jerry, had four children, Jennifer, Andrea, Justin, and Brandon Waltos, in whose lives Arlene and Buell played a special grand-parent like role. Even during the difficult past three years, Arlene made time to share with friends, stay active in her church as a member of the altar guild and the faith and care committees. In addition, she even made scarves for other women affected by cancer. She was a hard-working and giving person to the very end, and she will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Lutheran Church of the Cross Building Fund.

Tribute Wall

AW

“ I'll always remember her kind words, her great sense of humor, her warm hospitality, and willingness to help where she could. Every time I make spaghetti I always keep some coke on hand for browning the hamburger because she used to pour some in while cooking- gives it a sweet flavor. Countless games of chippy-chippy aka sequence and holiday meals with the extended family just aren't the same. Now, as the seasons change I remember picking apples and eating apple bars and crisp! Gone but not forgotten- she is truly missed! Love, Andrea

Andrea Waltos - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Buell & Family, We never met Arlene but sounds like she was one terrific lady I am sure we would have liked her. We send our blessings and condolences to you and your family. Will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Agnes & Ralph

Agnes & Ralph Meidinger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“Uncle Buell ~We are all so sorry to hear of Aunt Arlene's passing. Karen has kept us updated on Arlene's treatments throughout her illness; we know the courage and strength she demonstrated in her battle with cancer and we are so proud of her. Our thoughts turn towards your children and grandchildren, who we know will carry Arlene's spirit with them always. We know this loss will be most difficult on your beloved grandchildren to whom we send these words in remembrance of Aunt Arlene: "If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together.. there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart.. I'll always be with you."-- Winnie the Pooh Maggie loves this quote and finds great comfort from even a stuffed bear knowing that those we love are always in our hearts. We know Aunt Arlene will be deeply loved and sincerely missed. All our thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Ryan, Michelle, and Maggie Nelson

Ryan Nelson & Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“Karen, Buell and family, I was saddened to hear that Arlene's battle with cancer has come to an end. Having lost my brother to cancer a few years ago, I know the grief this brings to your family. I wish you peace and prayers during this difficult time and know that you will share wonderful memories of your wife with your grandkids for years to come. Peace be with you, Randy Eller

Randy Eller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

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CG

“ *Buell, Kristin, Brent & families, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are so saddened that are dear friend is gone, but we know that she is no longer in pain and in peace. We loved her so much, and it will be hard not to see her walking to the mailbox, saying hi out the door, seeing her outside working in the flower beds, or seeing her get of the car with a soda in hand. Arlene had such a great smile and laugh and of course who can forget her crazy wit! Today there is a living plant on our doorstep to honor her life. We will never forget her. We pray for you that God gives you strength and Peace through this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy to all -she truly was a treasure. Clyde and Cindy Graff*

Clyde & Cindy Graff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Buell and family, You are in our prayers at this difficult time. Please know beautiful Arlene is now at peace. She was a blessing to all who knew her. God bless you all! Allen, Peggy, Jaden and Allie Weiss*

Peggy Weiss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Brent & Liv, So sorry for you loss! Our prayers & thoughts are with you. Love, Kari & Brian*

Kari & Brian Fried - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *To a great mother, wife and friend. You'll be missed by many. They don't make 'em like that anymore...*

Joel Weiler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Where a beautiful soul has been....There is a trail of beautiful memories.*

Dorothy Christensen Kallstrom - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I remember Arlene when I was a little girl as the first person I knew who could really LAUGH at herself. She could see the humor in anything. I remember Christmas Eve's at our house when the Reich's would stop in after church. Brent, remember when our dog knocked the head off the wise man of my mom's nativity scene and it rolled across the floor? Years before that, I remember getting the call when Kristin was born as it was the morning of my birthday. I don't remember a time when your family was not part of our family. There are only so many 'call any time, day or night' type of friends. Arlene has been that friend to my mother, and like an Aunt to me. I chose Buell and Arlene to be host couple at our wedding 20 years ago because I had so much respect for their marriage and their friendship. I'm so very sorry. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Kim, Paul, Anna, Jay and Britta Soderholm*

Kim and Paul Soderholm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ On behalf of the Sisters of St. Benedict, sponsors of St. Alexius Medical Center, I extend prayerful sympathy to the family of Arlene. What a gracious, caring and generous and faithfilled woman! Her example of sharing and giving is a model for us who knew her. May she know now the fullness of love in the presence of the faithful God she served so steadfastly. May each of you be consoled in your faith and your love for each other. Peace and all good. Sister Susan Lardy Vice President, Mission Effectiveness, St. Alexius Medical Center

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Arlis, You and all of your family are in my prayers. I'm truly sorry for your loss.

Monica Page - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss and we will keep you in our prayers.

Spencer & Lorri Giddings - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Warm, lovely, kind, funny lady. Loved to visit with her. I am lucky to have known her.

Paula Ries - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Buell, Brent, Kristin, & Family: We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Arlene. I just smile thinking of her sense of humor. She always could make me laugh. I have wonderful memories of camping, football parties in the basement, softball, and always a kind word or gentle hug. She was a special lady, and she will be missed by many. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest sympathy, Jeff and Nicole Berreth Mindt

Jeff and Nicole Mindt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. A very nice lady with a very bad disease is now at peace with her Lord.

Angie Ross - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Buell, Brent and Kristin: I was so sorry to hear about Arlene. I have so many wonderful memories of her. One of my favorite memories was fixing up the bedroom in the basement of your house. We wallpapered and put in a new tile floor. She wanted me to sneak the tiles downstairs past Buell so he wouldn't get mad. Buell did discover what we were doing and ended up helping us. It was a fun day. We also had a lot of great walks at the mall and outside. When we were done we would get a fountain diet coke and a pretzle. We had so many wonderful talks during those walks. I also remember her love for flowers and gardening. Her garden was always so beautiful and well cared for. She taught me alot about gardening. She was such a loving, kind, generous person. I feel fortunate to have known her. I have missed her over the years and will continue to miss her kind, loving spirit. My thoughts are with all of you. Love, Jodi

Jodi Tate - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Our dear friend Arlene is gone but now she is at peace. We have many memories to cherish. We spent many wonderful times together and will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow. God Bless. Wanda and Gaylen

Wanda and Gaylen Dewing - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Words seem so inadequate at a time like this. Arlene was not only a classmate but a good friend. In our high school years, she & Sylvia Tischmak and I attended dances in the neighboring towns. Since my parents never allowed me to drive our car, I had to depend on their willingness to take me with them, which I appreciated. My most recent memory of Arlene is of the time she stayed with her brother, Brian, in Mesa, AZ. Since my husband & I spend time there for part of the winter, I was able to contact her for a get together. She and Brian joined us for lunch and we had such fun catching up on our lives. When we parted with a hug, she smiled and said, "We had a GOOD visit!" I will always treasure that memory.

Elaine Ternes Kittler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Buell, Kristin, Brent and family - I was so sorry to hear about Arlene. Please know you are in my thoughts. I have many special memories of Arlene with all the time I spent at your house growing up and all the family get-togethers. She was always kind and thoughtful..and you could always count on her for a laugh. She was a dear friend to my mom for many years, too. She will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences, Mia Berreth and Karl Corrigan and family

Mia Corrigan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I was saddened to hear of Arlene's passing. It was a joy to work with her at Zuger, Kirmis & Smith. I was always impressed by her competence and cheery attitude.

Kim Frahm Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Buell and Family:We are so sorry for your loss. Arlene had such a positive attitude over all this time and it was a shock to read of her death in the paper.We wish you peace and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this hard time.Sincerely,Barb & Dave Peske

Barb and Dave Peske - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Buell, Brent and Kristen,This time of great sadness will also be a time for remembering and rejoicing. Remembering and treasuring all of the special and tender moments you shared with Arlene over the years. Thankful for her many gifts and the gift of her life, I rejoice with you for the new life she now lives because of the life giving sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. May you be blessed in the days ahead with comfort, peace and hope as you rest in the arms of our loving Father.I am grateful for the footprints Arlene left on my life when she and I worked together at Z&B now over 20 years ago.

Jeannette Christensen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our sympathy goes out to the Reich family in this very saddest of times. We, too, will miss our friend, your wife and mother. Rest in peace, Arlene.

Jerry and Lynda Rivinius - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Buell, Brent, Kristin, and family, I was saddened to hear about the death of your wife, mother, and grandmother. The obituary was a lovely tribute to her. How blessed she was to have such a loving family! I will be praying for God's peace and comfort to be upon all of you during the days that are ahead. Terri Dietz Marquardt

Terri Dietz Marquardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I worked with Arlene at Zuger Kirmis & Smith. She was a professional, wonderful and sweet colleague who I will miss. Rest in Peace sweetheart.

Robin Mostad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Buell, Brent and Kristin, I am sorry for your loss, My prayers are with all of you. LaVerne

LaVerne Bourdeau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Very sorry to hear of this. Rest in Peace. She was a wonderful woman, always smiling.

George LaFave - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Arlene was always appreciative and interested in my work on the family tree. I am sorry I didn't get a chance to know her better. From what I have read here she was well loved and I hope that these celebrations of her life, all your memories and the closeness of family and friends will comfort you in the difficult days ahead.

Caroline Herfindahl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Karen and Buell, Today we are all sending up prayers of peace for Arlene and all of your family. Know that her love and laughter will be with you always and that her love will help you remember those special times you all shared together. She will be greatly missed, but always cherished in your hearts. God bless all of you. Janice Eller

Janice Eller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM