



Arlene Vilas

February 27, 1923 - April 14, 2021

Arlene Frances Vilas, age 98 of Storm Lake, Iowa, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake, after a short battle with cancer.

Celebration of Life service will take place Friday, July 23, 2021 from 3-6:00 p.m. at the KC Hall in Storm Lake. Private family burial will be at a later date. Memorials can be made in Arlene's memory to Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Auxiliary or The Storm Lake United Methodist Church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Arlene was born in Clearbrook, Minnesota on February 27, 1923. She was the daughter of Martin and Myrtle (Poulson) Moen. After graduating from high school in Canby Minnesota, she moved to Storm Lake where she met the love of her life, Dwain Vilas. They were married on August 28, 1943, in Sacramento, California, where Dwain was stationed in the army. Born to this union were four children, Ron, Sue, Sherry, and Diane.

Arlene was a Cub Scout leader, involved in Eastern Star, a volunteer for the Red Cross, BVRMC hospital Auxiliary, and Meals on Wheels.

Arlene was an avid golfer with many fond memories at the golf course. She enjoyed playing cards, crafting, and crocheting for her family. She also loved

dancing, big band music and time spent at the Cobblestone Ballroom and The Elks Club. Arlene was active in the Methodist church in Storm Lake having been in a Circle for many years. She enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Arizona.

Arlene, a homemaker, always put family first. She loved to bake goodies for her family, neighbors and friends. She would never turn down a coffee party. When visiting Arlene, you would more times than not find her watching a Cubs game.

Arlene was cherished and loved by her family which includes Ron (Ellen) Vilas of Monroe, North Carolina, Sue Vilas Cramer of Rohnert Park, California, Sherry (Bill) Vilas Neid of Grand Island, Nebraska and Diane (Don) Vilas Porter of Storm Lake, Iowa, a sister, Carol Olson of Peoria, Arizona, 8 grandchildren, Jennifer Forsberg, Mark Vilas, Jodie Clay, Erin Sickeri, Michael Duff, James Duff, Nathan Porter and Amanda Vossberg, and 15 great grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mrytle and Martin Moen, her husband, Dwain Vilas, brothers, Glen Moen and Richard Moen, and sister Bernice Zuelke, Grandson, Bob Duff, and great granddaughters Grace Vossberg and Ericka Sickeri.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

KC Hall
1507 E Lakeshore Dr.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Arlene Vilas.*



April 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Eileen Duff lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



Eileen Duff - April 20, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *I volunteered with her at meals on wheels in storm lake ia what a sweet lady to be around.may she enjoy God's peace rip*

Jeff Watson - April 20, 2021 at 07:15 PM



Thanks for the condolences Jeff. Our mother touched many lives and she did enjoy her time helping with meals on wheels.

Diane Porter - April 21, 2021 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ Sending my love to all of you! Aunt Arlene and Uncle Dwain were my Godparents. I thought you might enjoy this photo of our parents from 1963.



Melinda Batz - April 19, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DP

Love this photo Melinda!! Thanks for sharing.

Diane Porter - April 19, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JT

“ Diane: I didn't know your mom real well, but after reading her obituary, she sounds like she was a great lady and also fun! Our love and prayers go out to you and your extended family.

Jean Toillion - April 18, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DA

“ Dave Anderson lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas



Dave Anderson - April 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DS

“ *Deb Starr lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



Deb Starr - April 18, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JW

“ *Ron, Sue, Sherry, Diane & families - I am so sorry to hear this news! Arlene was a wonderful lady & I know she will be missed. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.*

Joy Weitael-Boyer. - April 18, 2021 at 12:50 AM

CO

“ *Arlene was happy as long as she had a view of the lake. I have some great memories of the times that Arlene, Dwain, Howard and I spent at the lake and other places. I wish we could have spent more time together in recent years. The last time I think we were together was in June of 2017, but we kept in touch laughing and crying our way through phone calls. She loved spending time with her family, and I will miss her more than I can say. Her sister, Carol.*

Carol Olson - April 17, 2021 at 06:56 PM

DP

Oh Aunt Carol - you all had such fun times together!! And so true about mom and her view of the lake. I don't know how you two got through phone conversations actually! Love, Diane

Diane Porter - April 19, 2021 at 09:58 PM

ED

so sorry for your loss. Eileen Duff

Eileen Duff - April 20, 2021 at 10:19 PM

DH

“ *Arlene always had a welcoming smile on her face. She was ready to have a good time and enjoy life !!! Her and her family have a special place in our hearts. Rest In Peace Arlene* 💕💕



Deb Hendriks. - April 17, 2021 at 05:48 PM

SC

“ *Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



Sharron Culbertson - April 17, 2021 at 01:42 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF ARLENE VILAS. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO DIANE & OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VILAS FAMILY.*



*PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

PATTY GUNVILLE - April 17, 2021 at 01:10 PM

ES

“ We were so lucky to call you Grandma. You made the world a brighter place and will be missed. ❤️

Erin Sickeri and family



Erin Sickeri - April 17, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DP

Love these photos Erin!! Thanks for sharing.

Diane Porter - April 19, 2021 at 09:59 PM

PM

“ *Heartfelt sympathy to your family upon the loss of your Mom.*”
Don and Pam McClannahan

Pam McClannahan - April 16, 2021 at 10:55 PM

AC

“ *My sympathies to the family. Arlene was a wonderful lady.*”

Audrey Carpenter - April 16, 2021 at 06:23 PM

TR

“ Tom and I send our sympathy to you, Ron and the rest of the family. Your mother was a lovely, gracious woman and I know you will miss her greatly.

Doris Rice

Thomas & Doris Rice - April 16, 2021 at 09:18 AM

JD

“ Great memories in Arizona with Grandma Vilas. She will be missed. Jamie, Rachael, Riley and Dewey Duff



Jamie Duff - April 15, 2021 at 10:21 PM

DP

Great photo Jamie!!

Diane Porter - April 19, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MD

“ The Mike Duff family ❤️



Maureen Duff - April 15, 2021 at 08:27 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Gransow Bruns lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas



Cheryl Gransow Bruns - April 15, 2021 at 07:25 PM

PD

“ Pat Davidson lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas



Pat Davidson - April 15, 2021 at 06:39 PM

NG

“ Nancy & Clark Gordon lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas



Nancy & Clark Gordon - April 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ The Condon Family lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas



The Condon Family - April 15, 2021 at 01:45 PM

TF

“ *The Paulsen Family lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



The Paulsen family - April 15, 2021 at 10:49 AM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - April 15, 2021 at 10:32 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Arlene Vilas*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - April 15, 2021 at 09:30 AM