



Arlene "Kandi" Eklund

January 18, 1930 - April 17, 2017

ROYAL OAK, MI – Arlene “Kandi” Eklund, age 87 formerly of Adrian, passed away Monday, April 17, 2017, at Greenfield Rehab & Nursing Center.

She was born January 18, 1930, in Alpena, Michigan to William and Amalia (Stuetzer) Weinlander and graduated from Blissfield High School with the Class of 1947. Kandi received her Bachelor’s Degree from Adrian College, where she participated in basketball, tennis, volleyball and archery, and was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and was a member of the Alpha Delta Chi and Chi Psi Omega Sororities. She was a member of numerous other clubs and organizations. She also earned a Master’s Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University.

On December 16, 1950, she married Robert Eklund. He preceded her in death in 1997, having celebrated over 46 years together.

Kandi taught school in Caledonia, Wayne and most recently in Adrian where she retired in 1992 with 38 years of service. She was actively involved with Adrian College Alumni Board, Lenawee Reading Council, AAUW, her book club, and Phi Delta Kappa. Kandi loved gardening and was an avid reader. She is survived by her daughters: Molly Eklund-Easley of Southfield, Cheryl Fraunhofer of South Berwick, ME, and Kirsten (Richard) Stiver of Tecumseh; sisters: Ruth Ingram of Troy, and Geraldine Drefke of Ft. Wayne, IN; grandchildren: Jennifer (Greg) Kolvoord, Sarah (Jason) York, Rachel (Daniel) Colby, Jared Stiver and Jamie Stiver; and great grandchildren: Ariella York, Josiah York, Ian Kolvoord, and Gabriel Kolvoord.

Funeral services will take place at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palmyra, with Rev. Gary Leking officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Kandi are suggested to Adrian College or Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1500 N. Blissfield Highway
Palmyra, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Arlene "Kandi" Eklund

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ There are so much memories of my GODMOTHER that she will be GREATLY missed by me. Remembering her joy and laughter in loving life. Her positive attitude helped me to grow in life. There wasn't anything that she could tackle in life. I loved her as she will be missed but never never forgotten. The LORD OUR SAVIOUR has given her ETERNAL EVER LASTING LIFE. GOD BLESS HER AND FAMILY ALWAYS. PRAISE THE LORD

David A Drefke - May 03, 2020 at 04:39 AM



“ I never knew Arlene, but her husband was a childhood friend of mine in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He was a wonderful friend. I'm sorry to learn he died too young. Because of his christian character, even at a young age, I can be sure he had a wonderful marriage. I knew he moved to Adrian to go to college, but I lost touch with him after that. He had a brother, Gene, and two sisters, June and Joyce, and loving parents.

Dale Leighty - April 22, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Arlene "Kandi" Eklund.



April 21, 2017 at 12:10 AM

TF

“ *Tom, Karen, Dave, Julia, and Jon Corneil and families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Arlene "Kandi" Eklund.*



Tom, Karen, Dave, Julia, and Jon Corneil and families - April 20, 2017 at 11:02 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family. Sorry for you loss.*

Dr. Jan Cardwell - Southfield Lathrup Optimist Club

Jan Cardwell - April 19, 2017 at 04:51 PM

SA

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with the family on your great loss. I know she was a blessing to everyone who knew her although I only met her once. Her laughter and pleasant disposition was the thing I noticed first about her. Her family, her community and the world will not be the same without her.*

Susan Van Assche

Susan Van Assche - April 19, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SL

“ Kirsten, Molly, Cheryl and your families -- So sorry to hear about your mom's passing, but truly believe she's at peace now. It has been a long road for her and for all of you. What I most remember about your mom was her kindness, her welcoming nature and her laugh! First time you took me back to your house while we were at EMU, Kirsten, your mom looked at me and said, "Good, another tall one!" and asked me to get something off of a high shelf. :)

*Keeping you all in my prayers.
XOXO Sarah*

Sarah Lapshan - April 19, 2017 at 10:28 AM

SW

“ Aunt Candy is a sweet, caring, loveing , beautiful soul.. My memory with her was just two family reunions ago at Todd & Kellys I sat with Aunt Candy at the table with a few dessert items on my plate .. Aunt Candy looks at it and points at my rice crispy treat.. I said do you want that she smiled so big so yes I gave it to her.. Love you and I'll see you again in heaven..

Sherry Wright - April 19, 2017 at 10:08 AM

CT

“ Dear Family,
Thank you for sharing your beautiful Mother with us. Mrs. Eklund often attended our early morning meetings with Molly and we shall always remember her kind spirit and beautiful smile.

Rest in Peace, Mrs. Arlene "Kandi" Eklund.

*In love and peace,
Cherryl Thames and the Southfield-Lathrup Village Optimist Club*

Cherryl Thames - April 19, 2017 at 08:51 AM

KD

“ Blessings and prayers go out to my cousins....remembering Aunt Kandi always the hostess with the mostest, hospitality, laughter and love for Jesus.
In Him- Karen Bliss Dalzell

Karen B. Dalzell - April 19, 2017 at 08:38 AM