



Arlene Marie Willnow

March 30, 1935 - December 16, 2017

Arlene Marie (Callahan) Willnow passed on December 16, 2017 in her home under the loving care of her two children; she was 82. She was born in Adrian, Michigan on March 30, 1935 to Joseph and Rose (Evans) Callahan. Arlene is preceded in death by her loving husband of 63 years, Rex Willnow. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Lorain and Dennis Callahan. She is survived by her son Steve “Yogi” (Licia), her daughter Jodi, her grandson Alex—who she cherished, her sister Dolores Justice, her brother Paul Callahan, and many nieces and nephews.

Arlene graduated from Adrian High School in 1953. On August 6, 1954, she married the love of her life, Rex. Throughout their life together, she was a devoted and caring mother, and a loving and thoughtful grandmother. After attending a year of college, Arlene worked for many years as an office manager at Primore Sales, Bixby Hospital, and then for Dr. Robert Bruce. In addition to supporting and participating in several of Rex’s endeavors, Arlene had many interests of her own. She played piano, sang, bowled, played bridge and euchre, danced the jitterbug, loved animals, sewed beautiful clothing and home décor, was not intimidated by technology, was a gifted cook, and had a great sense of humor.

According to Arlene’s wishes, she chose to be cremated and requested no funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of Lenawee or to Lenawee Humane Society.

A special thank you goes to Hospice of Lenawee, to each of her in-home caregivers, and to all who helped her and the family in any way. Arlene will be missed by her family and all of her friends and neighbors.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Marie Willnow*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Arlene gave me my first summer job watching Yogi & Jodi. She played Bridge with my Mom for years and our paths crossed many times. I will remember her smile and twinkle in her eyes. Peace be with you Arlene.*

*Sincerely,
Marty Wheelock Schoonover*

Marty Schoonover - December 26, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Arlene was a classmate from McKinley School through High School and Rex was a good friend. They are missed. Richard Smith*

richard smith - December 21, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ *As a member of the Class of '53 I shall always remember Arlene as one of the gals who was always laughing and seeming to have more fun than anyone. A delight to know.*

My sympathy to her wonderful family. May you take comfort with fond memories of many good times together.

Kathy Green

Kathy Green - December 21, 2017 at 11:58 AM

PW

“ *To Arlene's Daughter, Jodi;
Thank you for your devotion to your precious mother. All of us here
at Richlyn Manor
can only pray for the same from our children! And once more, to tell
you what a dear,
sweet lady she was. She loved our "lunch bunch" group, and our
talks at Elenor Pennys
house. Arlene will be missed by all our us, she always had a
"scoop" to tell, and we
were so happy to hear the news.
Jodi, my heart felt sympathy to you and your husband, I will forever
be in your debt for
saving Joe at the mailbox that rainy morning.
Love & Prayers,
Joe & Pat Wilkins
#555 Richlyn*

Patricia Wilkins - December 21, 2017 at 08:05 AM

CG

“ *Seems like we have known Arlene and Rex since we first moved to
Adrian in 61. Rex was working in the Army / Navy store. Years of
playing bridge and times in Florida together. Many good memories.
Happy to have known both of them and their children. Betty an
Chuck Gross*

Charles Gross - December 20, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LC

“ Arlene and myself both graduated in 1953, and married fellow graduates from 1947. In later years we were able to meet at their reunions, and one year later at our reunions. I know her heart left when Rex passed, as mine did when my husband passed. Much love to her family.

Lois Nearhood Curtis

Lois Nearhood Curtis - December 20, 2017 at 01:57 PM

TG

“ Dolores so sorry for the passing of your sister, love and hugs to you and your family...love you Terry

Terry Griewahn - December 20, 2017 at 08:10 AM