



Arleen Ferguson

September 30, 1938 - April 12, 2021

Arleen Dawn Ferguson, 82, Bolivar, MO passed away peacefully at home Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:07 AM from complications of heart and kidney failure. Her caregiver, Kim Payne, was by her side, praying with and singing, "Amazing Grace" to her.

She was born September 30, 1938 in Sedalia, Missouri, the only child to James S. and Lucille A. Hanning. While attending Smith-Cotton High School, she met and began dating Larry K. Ferguson, one year her junior. Following high school, they both attended Central Missouri State University where Arleen earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1960 and Master of Education in 1962. She and Larry married in 1961. Following graduation, Larry's job took them to Olathe, KS then to Raytown, MO, where Arleen found employment teaching elementary children. Their first son, Mike was born in 1965. Years later, they relocated to Bolivar, where Marc was born in 1968, followed by Amber in, 1971. Arleen became a substitute teacher in the Bolivar schools before opening and operating Amber's Children's Shop. As the kids grew, she became an active supporter of the Bolivar Booster Club, PTA, Director of Share Your Christmas, Regional President of AFS, volunteer of Release-Time Bible Study, and served two years as Alderman for Ward 2. In later years, Arleen loved watching the birds that would come to her feeders, spending time with her grandchildren, putting together puzzles, enjoying timeshare trips to Branson and across the country with her best friend Ann Davis, and occasionally joining Amber at various locations where she worked

as a travelling nurse.

She was an avid fan of Jimmy Buffet, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the St. Louis Blues. She was a longtime member of Bolivar Assembly of God and Highway Assembly of God in Brighton, where she found a strong family in Christ. She will be remembered for her faith in God, her selflessness, generosity, and the joy she had in her family. She is survived by her three children, Mike (Pam) Ferguson of Clinton, MO; Marc Ferguson of Bolivar, MO; Amber Ferguson of Springfield, MO; grandchildren Shane, Hannah, Mallorie and Ryan Ferguson; and cat, Sophie. She is also survived by numerous friends that she loved like family.

Services for Arlene will take place at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 16, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, with visitation from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Interment will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Missouri.

The family wishes to thank all who cared for her in her time of need. Sutton in-Home Senior Care and Good Shepherd Hospice, and asks that memorial contributions be made to Gideon's International.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3306 Greenridge Road
Sedalia , MO 65301

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arleen Ferguson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Arleen Ferguson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Sending love and prayers,
Jim & Sue Davolt*

Sue Davolt - April 15, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Mike, Marc and Amber: sad to hear about your Mom. My thoughts
and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Lynn Leftwich
Paul*

Lynn Leftwich Paul - April 15, 2021 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ Arleen has been one of my dearest friends for the past 10 years. She was like a second mother to me, always there when I needed her. We spent many hours wrapping Christmas gifts and decorating for holidays. My fondest memory was walking into Woods supermarket one day and seeing her across the store with her shopping list and a huge smile on her face. When I got to her, I asked her what was going that was making her so happy. Turns out she was just enjoying her trip to the store. We finished her shopping and she proceeded to order lunch from the deli. She ordered several different small sides and in perfect Arleen fashion, had the cashier ring out each item separately and paid for each with a different card making sure to get a receipt for each item. I just watched and smiled, never asking for an explanation. I will miss our evenings sitting in her driveway.

Sue Wood - April 14, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Arleen Ferguson.



April 14, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arleen Ferguson.



April 14, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arleen Ferguson.*



April 14, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Tamara H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arleen Ferguson.*



Tamara H. - April 14, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arleen Ferguson.*



April 14, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Arlene was a friend to all the Bolivar community, and a special friend to the Pilots and flying community, "Happy Landing"*

sam swihart - April 14, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SJ

“ Sincere condolences to Amber, Mark and Mike. Very fond memories of the family.

Sandy and Bill Jones - April 13, 2021 at 05:43 PM

ME

We didn't realize Arleen was in bad health. We are sorry for your loss; mother's are special and non- replaceable. Thoughts and prayers to Mike, Mark, and Amber.

Marinell & Ron Erven - April 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM