



## Arlene Thuente

September 15, 1933 - May 4, 2019

Arlene Thuente, 85, of Ackley, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2019 at MercyOne in Des Moines. Funeral mass will be 1:30 PM Friday, May 10, 2019 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ackley. She will be laid to rest at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Thursday, May 9 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Arlene and her family.

Arlene Ann (Wenthold) was born on September 15, 1933 to Albert and Evelyn Wenthold. She graduated from De Sales High School in Ossian, Iowa with the class of 1951. On May 10, 1954 Arlene was united in marriage to Joe Thuente at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Festina, Iowa. Arlene retired in 1996 after serving fifteen years as the Hardin County Treasurer. Prior to that she had been the Ackley city clerk and the office manager for Monsanto.

Arlene was an avid seamstress. She gifted many beautiful quilts to family members and friends. She enjoyed gardening, with a colorful flower garden to show for it. She liked to play golf and bridge. Through the years she was a member of the St. Mary's altar society, the Ackley Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Ackley City Council. Joe and Arlene enjoyed traveling. She was quick with a smile and friendly to anyone she crossed paths with.

Arlene Thuente is survived by her husband, Joe Thuente of Ackley, Iowa; her

daughter, Wanda (Tim) Burke of San Marcos, Texas; her son, Neal (Kim) Thuente of Johnston, Iowa; grandchildren: Joe (Jennifer) Thuente, Charlie Thuente, Molly Thuente, Jacob Stone and Sadie Stone. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gerald.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

611 Sherman Avenue  
Ackley, IA 50601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
611 Sherman Ave  
Ackley, IA 50601  
(641) 847-2329

## Service

MAY 10. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GP

“ Arlene was my first boss. I went to work in the city clerk's office in Ackley through the work study program at school. She was always very nice & always asked about my mom, who was confined to a wheelchair. She was a pleasure to work with and always friendly with everybody she came into contact with. It was a nice experience to work with her.

I also remember her bringing Mississippi mud bars to work and they were so good, First time I ever had them

Whenever I would see her through the years she always had a friendly smile and always asked how I was doing. A really great lady that will be missed

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**Gail Peters** - May 11, 2019 at 03:56 PM

LU

“ I was sorry to hear of Arlene's passing. What a fun loving lady. Such a good friend to my mom and dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers. She will be missed by many.

Lisa Gerdes Ubben

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**Lisa Ubben** - May 10, 2019 at 10:37 AM

AF

“ All our love, The Hanken and Spevacek Families purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Arlene Thuente.



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**All our love, The Hanken and Spevacek Families** - May 09, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene Thuente.*



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May 08, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Geno and Amy Nelsen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Arlene Thuente.*



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**Geno and Amy Nelsen** - May 08, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene Thuente.*



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May 08, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*Dennis and Julie Wilkerson*

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**Dennis Wilkerson** - May 08, 2019 at 08:43 AM

GS

“ As Arlene’s son Neal’s college roommate at UNI I had the pleasure of spending several nights as a guest of Arlene and Joe and enjoying time with them when they visited Cedar Falls. Such amazing and giving people. So many good memories during my time in school and those opportunities I had to visit them over the years. Arlene was always my “second Mom”. A special person I am lucky to have had the opportunity to know. Rest In Peace Arlene.

Greg Steele - May 07, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arlene Thuente.



May 07, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene Thuente.



May 07, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Arlene Thuente.



May 07, 2019 at 12:45 PM

BS

“ A special lady who always had a smile. So glad to have spent part of an evening with Joe and Arlene recently. We had so much fun chatting and reminiscing! My sympathy to the whole family. Bertha "Bert" Scallon

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**Bertha Scallon** - May 06, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ Loved 2 warch them polka dance

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**Lavon Geiken** - May 06, 2019 at 05:41 PM

CH

“ My prayerful support to you, Joey! (My little girl name for you!) Arlene was an older sister of my good friend, Helen. I thought the world of Helen and then by osmosis to Arlene. I was always happy to run into that pleasant couple, Joe and Arlene! God bless you, dear cousin Joe!  
(Sr.) Carol Hemesath

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**Carol Hemesath** - May 06, 2019 at 02:46 PM

KS

“ So sad to hear this news. Arlene was such a pretty lady who was quick with a smile and a kind word when I sang at church.

To this day, I still tell people that Joe and Arlene were on Big Joe's Polka Show. How delighted we were to see them on TV!!

May God wrap his loving arms around the family and hold you in His care.

Hugs.....

Kendra Keninger Sones

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**Kendra Sones-Pederson** - May 06, 2019 at 12:10 AM

BJ

“ I loved playing bridge with Arlene! She was a very good friend and also a very good neighbor! I will miss her so much! Right now my heart is hurting but please know that my family and I have many good memories of her and will keep those with us always!

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**Barbara Johns** - May 05, 2019 at 09:08 PM

CI

I enjoyed playing golf in Ladies League years ago with Arlene. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time.  
Chris Hesse Isley, Cedar Falls

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**Chris Isley** - May 08, 2019 at 03:19 PM

DL

Condolences to the Thuente family! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God's blessings on your family going forward.  
Darla Luchtenburg, Cedar Rapids

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**Darla Luchtenburg** - May 10, 2019 at 09:57 AM