



McDonald, Arlene

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Arlene McDonald was born March 4, 1933 to Laura and Vernon Herzog in Syre, Minnesota. At age 9, she moved with her family to Tacoma. She graduated from Stadium High School in 1950 and the next morning began her lifelong career as a legal secretary. While working for the state in Olympia, she met the love of her life, Bob, and they married August 20, 1955. Eight months later, on Bob's Army discharge, they moved to Chicago where he was raised. After two years there and one in Indianapolis, they returned to Tacoma in September, 1959. She remained in Washington where she loved the Olympics and Cascades, especially Mt. Rainier until her death on April 25, 2025.

She was quietly proud of her Norwegian heritage and appreciated learning more about it in her membership, later in life, in Daughters of Norway, Embla Lodge #2. She was a prolific letter writer and took pride in keeping in contact with family and friends. Arlene enjoyed working with the Bethlehem quilters, reading, walking and travel, but most important of all was her family. She was very proud of her daughters, sons-in-law, and grandkids. Happiest times of her life were visits with them. She is survived by her loving husband, Bob; three daughters, Pauline (Larry) Smith, Tacoma; Nadine Hobson, Anthem, AZ; Laurine (Bill) Irwin, Gilbert, AZ; and seven grandchildren, Chad (Alasha) and Ali Smith; Lauren Hobson and Kelly (Seth) Balcer; and Emily (Nick) Hodges, Cole, and Jake Irwin. Also, one sister, Phyllis (Michael) Brown, Arlington, WA.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother, Ronald Herzog and his infant daughter Kristina Marie, her sister Lois McGrew and brother-in-law Al McGrew, and her son-in-law Roger Hobson.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 am at Mountain View Funeral Home, Garden Chapel.

Memorial contributions in honor of Arlene may be made to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Peace Lutheran Church.



Events

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Funeral Service

Saturday, May 10, 2025

10:00 AM PT

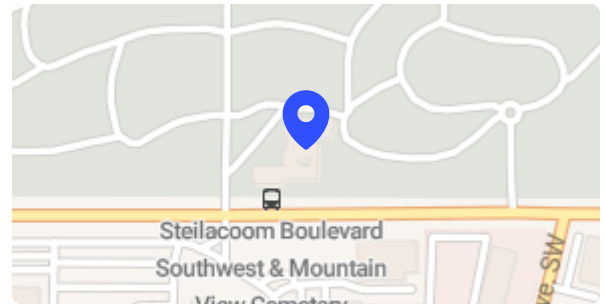
**Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery-
Garden Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499



Graveside Service

Saturday, May 10, 2025

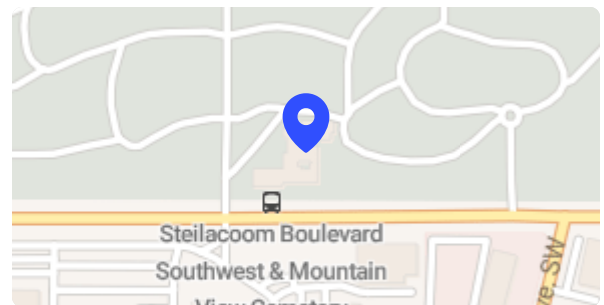
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Cemetery Details

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(253) 948-9895





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Tony Ortega lit a candle in honor of Arlene.

Arlene was a beautiful lady that raised 3 wonderful daughters, I experienced a caring loving person that I met in the 1970's. She will be missed by many. Arlene was married to Robert who was a good man.

May 19 at 7:34 PM



Lydia G. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arlene.

May 10 at 1:08 PM



Kateri M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arlene.

May 10 at 7:53 AM



Love, Jeanette And Marie sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McDonald family.

May 9 at 1:20 PM



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May 9 at 1:20 PM



Brad & Linda Smith planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arlene.

May 9 at 10:54 AM





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Gary L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arlene.



May 9 at 8:40 AM



Lisa Ottoson lit a candle in honor of Arlene.



I definitely remember Arlene from our Embla Daughters of Norway lodge meetings and events. She always had a dear smile and was willing to help and assist wherever needed. One of the 'jobs' she shared with my mother, was the CALLING TREE for those members who did not have (or want) to get information from email. They would call a remind members of meetings and items requested for our charitable donations to the Family Renewal Shelter. She was a gem and so proud of being Norwegian. I hope that if the daughters are interested, they might visit us at a meeting sometime. Lisa Ottoson Embla Lodge #2 Daughters of Norway

May 7 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the McDonald family.



May 7 at 12:17 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arlene.



May 7 at 12:17 PM



The Boyd Family sent a Sweet Sincerity to the McDonald family.



May 5 at 7:08 PM



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LF

Love The Adams & Sherls Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McDonald family.



May 5 at 10:38 AM

JA

Jill Anderson posted:

Dear Arlene had such an extraordinary memory for details. She was a dedicated legal assistant coworker and friend. Our catch-up lunches over 40 years always shared stories of her cherished family and travels. I remember she had purple carpet in her bedroom. ❤️

May 5 at 7:06 AM

LM

Lynn Munneke posted:

I met Arlene in 1973 when I was 23 yrs old and hired by the Pierce County Prosecutors' Office. She was the best supervisor and the best legal secretary. I learned so much from working with Arlene and feel blessed to have had such a good friend for 52 years. She loved her family with all her heart. My thoughts and prayers are with Bob, her family, and friends. RIP Arlene. I'll miss you until we meet again. Lynn Munneke

May 4 at 8:30 PM

MM

Mark Mcdonald posted:

Aunt Arlene taught us how to camp and explore!! As kids, she always wanted us to explore! And she would lead the way. Fondest of memories camping on Mt Rainier.I love you, Aunt Arlene!

May 2 at 4:42 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arlene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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