



## Arlene Steffes

July 16, 1932 - June 8, 2023

Arlene Grace Steffes, 90 of Carroll, died unexpectedly on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Homilist will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Mass Servers will be Maxwell Reincke and Alyson Reincke. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Arlene's son, John Steffes. Gift Bearers will be Arlene's granddaughters. Casket Bearers will be Arlene's grandsons. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas will form an honor guard for the Funeral Mass. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. Visitation will be on Monday at Holy Spirit Church from 4-7 p.m. Fr. Allan Reicks will lead a rosary at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the church for the Kuemper Foundation – Roman and Arlene Steffes Fund.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home and online condolences may be left for Arlene's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Arlene was born on July 16, 1932, to Ed and Helen (Dopheide) Uhlenkamp. At the young age of 4, her parents died, and she began living with her uncle and aunt, Bill and Mary Dopheide of Willey, IA, who later became her adoptive parents. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Willey, IA while helping on the family farm.

One fine day, while working on the farm Arlene caught a glimpse of her future: Roman Steffes. Following many fun nights at the Arcadia dance hall, Roman and Arlene were married on June 3, 1952, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey, IA. Arlene and Roman often like to reminisce on their romantic wedding day which included a flat tire on the way to the ceremony. Despite this kind of luck, their life together was nothing but abundant love for 71 years that resulted in 10 children, 21 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Arlene was a wonderful wife, homemaker, and grandma. She was a member of St. John Paul II Parish women's guild and Catholic Daughters of America. A cancer survivor, you could often find her on morning walks, watching her many bird feeders, lighting candles, and attending holy hour in the chapel, or taking every opportunity to attend her grandchildren's events. She was the best at making Christmas cookies - an annual event at her house with the grandchildren. Arlene will always be remembered by her family as one that never forgot a birthday. Even as the family continued to grow, you could always count on mom/grandma/great grandma to have a card in the mail. The fridge at her house was always stocked with the grandkids' favorites and she was known for making cinnamon rice at any time if someone requested it. Her family and grandchildren were her greatest joy.

Being the heart of the family, Arlene will be missed dearly, and life will never quite be the same. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Roman and her ten children: Jim (Kim) of Eloy, AZ, Marilyn (Sam) Barta of Carroll, IA, Jerry (Jane) of Omaha, NE, Marty (Michelle) of Carroll, IA, Dan (Sandie)

Bellevue, NE, Gary (Kathy) of Carroll, IA, JoAnn Wanek of Omaha, NE, John (Kathy) of Carroll, IA, Dave (Wendy) of Des Moines, IA, and Tom of Johnston, IA; 20 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; her brother Harry (Mary Kay) Uhlenkamp and sister Joan (Don) Wiederhold; in laws Sister Marcella Steffes FSPA, Lorraine Vogl, Norma Gosch, Robert (Rache) Steffes, Arlene (Melvin) Meier, Marian Pickhinke, and Carol (Don) Mader, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents and adoptive parents: Ed and Helen Uhlenkamp and Bill and Mary Dopheide, granddaughter McKaila Steffes, great granddaughter Bridget Barta, sisters Edna (LaVern) Trecker, Anita (Marvin) Weber, Ruth Duren; father and mother-in-law John and Anna (Halbur) Steffes; in-laws Luverne (Barb) Steffes, Doris (Frank) Mader, Fred Gosch and Joe Vogl.

# Tribute Wall

BV

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of you. Such a remarkable lady. May she rest in peace.*

Bev Vonnahme - June 12, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arlene Steffes.*



June 12, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arlene Steffes.*



June 12, 2023 at 12:42 PM

JR

“ *To Roman and entire family, our sympathy With Arlene's passing ! To a family blessed with a sweet mother n wonderful partner of 71 years . You all can know that mother is at peace! God Bless her*

jerry rupiper - June 11, 2023 at 10:46 PM

DO

*My deepest condolences to family! Arlene and Roman raised a great family who all have done so much! God bless her and all!*

**Denny O'Grady** - June 12, 2023 at 05:27 PM



*Our Deepest Sympathy to the entire family...She is at Peace...*

**Mary Jo Broich** - June 12, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Arlene Steffes.*



June 11, 2023 at 06:22 PM

JJ

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Steffes Family....Your Mother raised a very good family & you made her proud...She was truly a Christian Lady....She always had time to chat!!!! Treasure your memories....May she R.I. P. Blessings to all of you....*



**John & Kristi Schuler Jorgensen** - June 11, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Arlene Steffes.*



June 11, 2023 at 11:49 AM

VF

“ Sympathy to all the family. ARLENE was a special lady. Always had time to visit  
.Cherish the memories.

Vickie Duff and family - June 10, 2023 at 02:20 PM

DI

“ Sending lots of love and prayers to the Steffes family today. May Arlene rest in peace and all the wonderful memories you have created give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Diane Nieland Irvine - June 10, 2023 at 01:37 PM

DC

“ Arlene would come in the Walmart Pharmacy with a smile on her face . She always said hi and ask how are you doing. She was a sweet lady. Prayers to the family



Diane Campbell - June 10, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JF

“ Joan & Don Wiederhold family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arlene Steffes.



Joan & Don Wiederhold family - June 10, 2023 at 09:12 AM

PH

“ *Arlene was so sweet. We were neighbors and will miss our little chats when we ran into each-other in the neighborhood. She was so fun to talk to. She will be missed*

pat hill - June 09, 2023 at 08:29 PM



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



June 09, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arlene Steffes.*



June 09, 2023 at 04:36 PM

AW

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



Ann Wittrock - June 08, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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Ann Wittrock - June 08, 2023 at 09:26 PM

AW

“ Such sad news to hear of Aunt Arlene's passing. Arlene had a special place in my heart as my Godmother. I remember visiting her house as a young girl and she would invite me into her kitchen and let me reach my hand into her cookie jar (which was actually a can). Arlene brought a beautifully decorated cake to our house for my fist communion wich had a statue incorporated in it that I treasured. I hope I meant as much to her as she did to me. Rest in peace Special Lady.

Ann Wittrock - June 08, 2023 at 06:58 PM

SP

Ann, I loved the pic!  
It reminds me of the outfit I had so many years ago, and it was probably past along to other girls... Roman is my Godfather. Yes, Aunt Arlene will be missed, but she is rejoicing with the Lord now.

Sharon Paul - June 09, 2023 at 09:52 AM

CK

I'll never forget Arlene's smile, infectious laughter, and big heart. Whenever we visited, she always made us feel so at home and loved. She was such a special lady will be dearly missed.

Chantal Konicek - June 09, 2023 at 09:01 PM

JL

Arlene was such a giving person she let me borrow John's bike to go for a bike ride, but failed to tell her that my plans were to ride it to Dedham to see my girlfriend now wife Tammy oh, and I will never forget the day she gave me a hostess, ho, ho when I picked Dave up for school little did you know I would become a little Debbie man RIP Arlene you were a good and faithful servant!!

Jerry Loew - June 09, 2023 at 11:28 PM



*Arlene was a beautiful person, a great lady and a dear friend! She will be so missed by so many! My prayers of comfort to Roman and all their family.*

*Levan Vogl Eich*

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**Levan Vogl Eich** - June 11, 2023 at 02:30 PM