



Arlene J. Van Oppen

April 6, 1932 - May 4, 2023

Arlene J. Van Oppen, 91, of East Peoria, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at her home. She was born on April 6, 1932, in Peoria, to Gustive and Colene (Theobald) Hoffer. She married her husband of 60 years, Paul “Junior” Van Oppen, in Piggott, Arkansas on July 30, 1949; he preceded her in death on August 14, 2009.

Also preceding her in death was her sister, Delores Munter; and her two brothers, Dick and Gene Hoffer.

She is survived by her two sons, David (Camila) Van Oppen of East Peoria and Paul L. (Margo) Van Oppen of Tennessee; 3 grandsons, Paul (Stephanie) Van Oppen, Michael (Felicia) Van Oppen, and Mitchael (Sommer) Van Oppen, all of East Peoria; and 5 great-grandchildren, Coco, Cece, Hadley, Teagan, and Knox.

Arlene dedicated her life to caring for her family. She loved gardening and fishing and was a member of the Big 25 Sportsman Club and the VFW Auxiliary.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. Private burial will be at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or OSF Hospice. Online condolences can be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene J. Van Oppen*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Arlene J. Van Oppen.*



May 07, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Arlene J. Van Oppen.*



May 07, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. We have many fond memories of Arlene.*

Love,

Kathy & Kim Jones

Kathy & Kim Jones - May 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM

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Continued prayers to the family. She was a true trooper for family. Many camping memories .

Debra Craddock - May 08, 2023 at 06:51 AM

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Thoughts and prayers for Arlene's family...we're thinking of you all. In the midst of all the sadness I feel about her passing, I am overjoyed that she will be reunited with not only Paul, but with my mom and dad. She was my mom's dearest friend, and knowing they're back together somehow makes it a little easier to bear.

Janelle & Beri Chickesh (Bert & Ernie Darling's Daughter & Son-in-Law)

Janelle Chickesh - May 08, 2023 at 12:37 PM