



Arlene Yoakum

December 4, 1939 - October 24, 2024

Arlene was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Charles and Emma Nation on December 4, 1939, along with her twin sister Darlene. Arlene went to elementary and junior high in Del City and graduated from Del City High School in 1958. She attended Oklahoma University and then transferred to Blackwood Business School and graduated in 1960. She then went to work at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City as a civilian secretary. During this time, she met Harvey Yoakum and they were married on February 17, 1962, and continued to live and work in Del City. In 1966 Harvey was drafted in the army and they moved to Tacoma, Washington. Arlene continued her civil service by continuing to be a civilian secretary for the Army at Tacoma. After Harvey was honorably discharged from the army in 1968, they returned to Oklahoma City for a brief time and then made their way to Midland, Texas. They welcomed a son, Jim in December of 1968. While in Midland Arlene was active in the Methodist Church and the Midland Garden Club. The family moved 3 times between 1969 and 1972 in Texas and then made their way to Longmont, Colorado. There in May of 1973 they welcomed a daughter, Kim and their family was now complete. Arlene quickly joined in the community by becoming a member of the United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School and was asked to join several different church organizations. She joined the Garden Club, St. Vrain Historical Society, Sunshine Club, Soroptimist International Club of Longmont, and Longmont Ladies Bowling League. In 1975 the family purchased a local tire and gas company, and Arlene worked

part-time while continuing to raise two small children. In 1980 when both kids were in school full time, Arlene worked at the tire shop full time as an accountant. In 1987 Harvey and Arlene ended their marriage and in 1989 Arlene sold the business. She then took a job at the Leanin Tree Greeting Card Company in Gunbarrel, Colorado in the financial group. Arlene worked at Leanin Tree until her retirement in 2016. While there she was recognized several times for her outstanding contributions and accomplishments. She made lifelong friendships with the wonderful people she worked with and enjoyed her time there so very much. She even delayed her retirement for two years at the urging of her co workers and the CFO because they did not want to see her go. After her retirement she enjoyed traveling with her twin sister Darlene and her husband Phil. They went on many adventures together to places near and far, always had fun. She was very involved with her grandchildren's activities, going to ball games and school events. She loved her family with all her heart. In the summer of 2022 Kim's family relocated to Owasso, Oklahoma and Arlene went with them. In a very short time after their arrival in Owasso Arlene had the onset of dementia. It progressed quickly and she moved to the Baptist Village of Owasso in the fall of 2022. Even though her dementia was progressing rapidly she continued to make friends and became a favorite of the wonderful staff there. They all took great care of Arlene to the last day.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Charles and Emma Nation, and her younger sister Datha Nation

She is survived by: Son, Jim and wife Carrie of Berthoud, CO. Daughter Kim and husband Mark of Owasso, OK., Grandson Reid of Ft. Morgan, CO., Granddaughter Brooke of Owasso, OK., Sister Darlene and husband Phil of Albuquerque, NM., Niece Christine and husband Bill of Albuquerque, NM., Niece Lori and husband Todd of Amelia Island, Fl., Niece Lisa Queen of Oklahoma City, OK., Niece Beth Becerra of Oklahoma City, Ok.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October, 28, 2024, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Graveside service will be held

1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Arlene's memory to The Tiny Tim Learning Center, 611 Korte Parkway, Longmont, CO 80501, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N Garnett Rd
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244

Graveside Service

OCT **29**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
8701 NW Expy
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Tribute Wall

LA

“It was so nice to get to know Arleen at Baptist Village. She was a wonderful, uplifting friend to my mother Beverly. She always had a kind word for me when I visited. She was a very special lady.

Lisa Allison - November 25, 2024 at 06:44 PM

TC

“Arlene and I both worked at Leanin' Tree for several years and became dear friends. Not many days went by when we didn't take our breaks or lunch together, and we always had some great things to chat about. Arlene was so proud of her children, grandchildren, and loved her sister Darlene, and her extended family. I missed her when she retired and didn't see her as often as I would have liked. I'm sad she is no longer with us, but her spirituality took her to a place where she is pain free and in peace. Jim, Kim, and family, I will be never forget your lovely and classy mother, and my thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever. Tammy Culver

Tammy Culver - November 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“I first met Arlene shortly after I moved to Niwot when Kim and I quickly became close friends—me, the girl from the East Coast, and her, the welcoming spirit who made me feel right at home in Colorado. Arlene embraced me as if I were one of her own, becoming a second mother to me. With warmth and kindness, she showed me the ways of the Midwest and helped me navigate a new chapter of my life. I feel deeply fortunate to have known her. My heart goes out to you, Jim and Kim, as you mourn the loss of such a remarkable woman.

Jessica Abernathy - October 28, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arlene Yoakum.

October 28, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Arlene Yoakum.



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



October 26, 2024 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ I had the honor of being Arlene’s neighbor and hairstylist in Windsor, CO. She was so sweet to my whole family and always so encouraging. Having a twin sister myself, I got such a kick out of her and Darlene when she would come to visit. They would take walks in matching outfits, twin hats and all. I would sneak a picture of them two and send it to my sister saying “This is what we have to look forward to one day. Traveling together and matching. 🥰”

Arlene raised one outstanding daughter and we are blessed to know them.

All our love to the family. We know we will see her again in heaven with our blessed savior Jesus Christ.

Jules Whitman - October 26, 2024 at 04:49 PM

KM

“ Hello my name Krystle McNeal , and I was one of Mrs . Arlene care givers at Baptist Village! I will always remember tht lil squeaky voice and how many laps she walked ! And just been so caring nice and always looking out for her friend Mrs. Beverly whn she was at liberty ! And how she loved her twin sister ! You will be truly missed Mrs. Arlene 🥰🙏

Krystle Mcneal - October 26, 2024 at 01:16 PM