



Arlene M. Adams

October 2, 1942 - December 24, 2024

Arlene Adams passed away on December 24 in Elizabeth Hospice House in Flat Rock, NC. She is survived by her husband, Junius (Jay) G. Adams, III; her son, Junius (Jason) G. Adams, IV and his wife Katie; and her son-in-law, David Butler who was married to the late Lara Butler, who was Arlene and Jay's daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Jouzaitis and Melvina Block Jouzaitis.

Arlene and Jay met in Chicago where Arlene served as administrator for the Research Service at VA Westside hospital. Jay was a scientist at the same institution. Soon after they married, Jay took a position at the Jackson, Mississippi VA and the University of Mississippi Medical School. At this time Arlene had probably not been south of 95th Street in Chicago! In any event they thrived there. They then moved to the Washington, DC area where Jay took a position at the National Institutes of Health. Arlene really flourished here where she served as a volunteer Park Ranger at the White House. She also guided weekly tours of Washington for newcomers to the area.

Upon Jay's retirement they moved to Lake Adger in Polk County NC. Arlene immediately took charge of all of the social activities there including the Annual Boat Parade, the 4th of July fireworks, and many other social events. The couple then moved to Bald Head Island, NC for peace and relaxation. Unfortunately, Arlene developed dementia there and moved to a memory care facility in neighboring Southport, NC. She then moved to a facility in

Hendersonville, NC to be closer to her daughter and son.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Calvary Episcopal Churchyard, 2840 Hendersonville Road, Fletcher, NC with Rev. Jay Clarkson officiating.

Recently, when a close friend of hers called to give condolences for Arlene, she said that Arlene never met a stranger. Truer words were never spoken!

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Will miss my best friend since 6th grade. I lived in Berwyn Il while she lived in Chicago near Midway. Jr choir at Trinity Church in Chicago is how we first met Our friendship started that year and continued all these yrs
So many memories through all those yrs even though we did live in different states always many Miles away. Got to reconnect with the family at the memorial service.
My thoughts are with her family and may their memories of Arlene bring smiles and maybe a giggle now &then
I have so many fond memories of our times photos.. phone calls..letters we shared togetherrest in peace my dear friend.
With so many memories shared. With LOVE always Jan 💖

janice masilun - January 15, 2025 at 06:59 PM

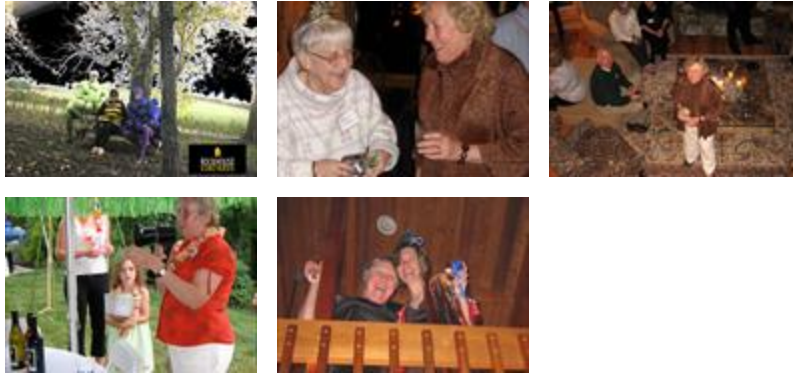
SG

“ Arlene was a happy convivial neighbor at Lake Adger. I regret I have no photos to share of her. Rest in peace dear Arlene. My sympathy to you Jay and family from Sylvia Green

Sylvia Green - January 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JB

“ 8 files added to the album *A Few Captured Moments...*



Jean-Jacques Benoist - January 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM

AD

Hello

Adjei - October 13, 2025 at 08:28 PM

BR

Good evening how are you doing

Bruce - October 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

HT

“ *Helene Tann purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Arlene M. Adams.*



Helene Tann - January 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LT

“ Love Guy Tann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arlene M. Adams.



Love Guy Tann - January 08, 2025 at 05:08 PM

LT

“ Love Guy Tann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene M. Adams.

Love Guy Tann - January 08, 2025 at 05:08 PM

LH

“ Arlene was my god mother and my mom's best friend from childhood. She was a wonderful funny kind woman. I have many fond memories from my childhood of events and Holidays where we all were together. I remember the flood in Mississippi and having to boat out from their house. I am also grateful that my kids and I got to spend some time with both Arlene and Jay at their house on our way to Kentucky. She will be missed. The world is a lot less bright now that Arlene is no longer in it. May she rest in peace. For Jay - I am very sorry for your loss and I hope you hold your precious memories close to your heart.



Lori Hageman - January 07, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KA

“ I remember Arlene in her role as unofficial social director for our community. She was always planning occasions so people could meet their neighbors and friends. She truly loved people.

kate - January 06, 2025 at 04:36 PM