



Arlene M. DeFrancisco

February 5, 1943 - April 25, 2026

Arlene M. DeFrancisco passed away from a long term illness on April 25th, 2026 surrounded by her family at her home in Elmer, New Jersey. She was born and raised in Pittsgrove Township at Pennytown Farm. She is survived by her two daughters Debbie (Tom) Flanagan of Marietta, Georgia and two grand-daughters, Kelly and Hailey. Her daughter Karen (Clayton) West of Pittsgrove, grandson Anthony (Amber) West, three great-grandchildren (Aiden, Emmitt and Lacey). Once married and best friend, John DeFrancisco. Her brother-in-law, Guenter Schmidt, and nephews Brian and Adam.

Arlene worked at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and retired as legal administrative assistant. She was known for her baking, especially Snickerdoodles. She was an active and proud member / officer of the Oddfellows / Rebekah Lodge for many years. She enjoyed traveling to spend time with family and friends. Arlene was an avid Eagles fan and loved to go to Ocean City, dancing and shopping. She was a member of the Olivet Methodist Church and a graduate of Bridgeton High School, Class of 1961.

She was predeceased by her parents Leslie and Anna Johnson, sisters Joanne Johnson and Judy Schmidt, and baby sister Josephine. She was also predeceased by her niece Jennifer Schmidt.

The family plans to have a celebration of life at a later date. Arlene will be

interred at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, in Elmer, New Jersey.

Please share condolences at www.adamsfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ I will never forget all of the good times we had back in elementary school. Your family always made me feel like I was a part of the family. I have such sweet memories of our time together.

Melissa - April 29 at 06:50 PM

AS

We are sorry for your loss. Mark Sheppard family

Anne Sheppard - April 30 at 12:44 PM


Elaine
Griffith

Sorry for your loss. David & Elaine Griffith, BHS Class of 1961.

Elaine Griffith Raudenbush - May 02 at 08:15 PM

RS

“ We miss all the times we had being your neighbors. Our trips to Lancaster. We are so sorry for Karen&Debbie and their family. So sorry for Johnny we know he loved her till the end. 💔🙏



Ron & Ethel Shinn - April 29 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ I am very thankful for all the time we got to spend together, especially the trips to Ocean City and Disney World when the girls were little. Will never forget how much Arlene loved French Toast, I am sure she is now in heaven eating a plateful swimming in maple syrup. Miss you Mom-Mom!

Thomas Flanagan - April 29 at 04:23 PM

BS

“ *I miss the days back home at Thanksgiving where we all used to play Uno while eating dessert and drinking coffee, and then at Christmas, everyone crowding in that small living room at Grammie’s.*

And your parents dancing was always a sight to behold.

Brian Schmidt - April 29 at 02:28 PM