



Arlene McEwen

September 20, 1951 - March 29, 2019

Arlene Bernice Robinson McEwen departed this life on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Arlene was born on September 20, 1951, the daughter of Herman and Maxine Robinson. She graduated from East High School in Waterloo, Iowa; North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City, and Mankato State University in Minnesota. In 1981, she began her teaching career at Parents in Community Action, (PICA) retiring in 2012.

She married the love of her life, Jacob McEwen, on December 17, 1983 in Waterloo. They made Minneapolis their home. Jacob passed on January 4, 2008.

At an early age, Arlene accepted Christ as her personal savior and was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church in Waterloo, where she and her family worshipped for many years. Music, teaching, mentoring, and chair dancing were highlights of her life, as well as singing in the youth, mass choirs, and community choirs. With her calm spirit, she encouraged everyone to be their best. During summer breaks, her home was the gathering center for the little children.

Upon joining Greater Sabathani, now known as Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, she was active in the music ministry, including the Doves Choir.

Arlene is preceded in death by her husband, Jacob; her father, Herman Robinson; brother, Stephen Robinson; and an aunt, Mrs. Helen Baker.

All who knew Arlene will cherish her memory. In the Old Testament, Psalm 22:3 declares God inhabits the praises of His people. This is affirmed in the New Testament in II Peter 2:9. As we thank God for the life of Sister Arlene, let us all remember to praise Him, because when we praise God, He shows up!

Arlene is survived by her mother, Mrs. Maxine Robinson, her brother, Reginald "Reggie" Robinson, a special sister, Miriam Tyson (Robert), her nephew, Stephan Robinson and his mother Tonya Jean; all of Waterloo. Two nieces: A. Brown and Steja Robinson; Personal Care Assistant and friend Joseph Quarterman; God-daughters Marquita McDavid and Valerie Bolden; God-niece Tanesha Nixon; Sisters-in-Christ Deaconesses Donita Bolden, Wanda Fortune-Stiffin, and Jenell Brown; Rev. Nell Collier; Toni Harris and Delois Lige. She was also precious to the Porter, McEwen, and Wallace Families and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TN

“ *Tanesha Nixon lit a candle in memory of Arlene McEwen*



Tanesha Nixon - April 09, 2019 at 08:42 AM

JR

“ *May you rest in the comforting arms of the Lord my friend. 20+ years ago we sang in the senior choir (along with your husband, Jake) although we weren't seniors in age...but we knew our souls and spirits eclipsed our years...Will be listening to your voice singing from the heavenly choir!*

Your Sister in Christ

Janette Redding

Janette Redding - April 08, 2019 at 05:17 PM

VP

“ *To the family and friends of Arlene Robinson-McEwen, may the peace of God fill you and the joy of the Lord be your strength*

Vapordeal Sanders, Ph. - April 08, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ I love you so much you taught me so many things. Being you God daughter was just one of the joys of knowing you. You gave my the nickname sketer and my love for shoes. You where my head start teacher and that's when are bond started you are forever in my heart. I love you so much rest easy beautiful.

Marquita McDavid - April 08, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ MS. Arlene always had a smile on here face and a thankful spirit. She will be missed.



Sylvia Jackson - April 08, 2019 at 05:58 AM



“ Carol Nerland lit a candle in memory of Arlene McEwen



Carol Nerland - April 07, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ Jacqueline Nixon lit a candle in memory of Arlene McEwen



Jacqueline Nixon - April 04, 2019 at 09:37 PM

JN

Arlene a good sister, the best friend that anyone could ever have love you RIH

Jacqline Nixon - April 04, 2019 at 09:43 PM

DL

Rest in peace my friend. Miss you

Delois Lige' - April 07, 2019 at 09:24 PM

CN

Arlene was a sweet, kind caring person. RIH

Carol Nerland - April 07, 2019 at 11:34 PM