



Arlene Filipiak

March 28, 2021

Arlene Filipiak began her eternal salvation on Sunday, March 28th, when she left the bonds of this world with her family by her side at the age of 84. Arlene was born in Toledo in 1936 to her loving parents Louis and Leona Drozik and had a brother George. She was married to Robert Filipiak until his death in 1969.

She had a long and successful career that included positions with Keidan's Jewelers, the Jewish Board of Education, the City of Toledo, Food Town, St. John's Elementary School, the Point/Shoreland Journal, the Girls Scout's Council, Jacobson's, and was the owner of a beauty salon.

She dedicated her life to her four boys Robert, Charles, Kenneth, and James, and her greatest satisfaction and joy in life came from their abundant success and everlasting love for her. She opened her heart to her daughters-in-law Ann, Beverly and Bobbi and thought of them truly as her own. Her grandchildren Charles, Louis, Elizabeth, Sophia, Kenneth, and Kate knew her as Nana, and they became as cherished to her as she was to them - shining lights that made her beam with pride. She made a point of being at every performance, match, and ceremony they participated in. She was a cheerleader at Central Catholic in her youth, but was better known as the greatest cheerleader for the success and aspirations of each and every member of her family.

Arlene was known for her sense of style, which began early in life when she was named Miss Toledo. She was out in front of all the latest fashion trends

and set the standard for all those around her to follow. She taught her children and grandchildren what it means to look their best, and she was successful. Her style was reflected in her beautifully decorated home, which always revealed her taste in the finer things in life.

She had an adventurous spirit and loved her travels to The Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island, New York City, Naples, Florida, and many other places she could find the good life with her family and friends. She loved a good cup of coffee in the morning and a glass of wine, preferably California Cabernet, whenever those she loved gathered to enjoy life.

She loved music her entire life, from polkas on Sunday morning, to Tony Bennett any time off day, but most especially when her sons, grandsons, and granddaughters performed live. She was a great dancer, a dance teacher, an accomplished pianist, a wonderful cook in the Polish and Hungarian traditions, and the life of every party. She loved her dogs throughout life, including Lorenzo, Mack, Kita, Pearl, Otis, and Sweet Marie.

Arlene was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. She was a modern woman before the term was coined. She suffered the loss of her husband at a young age, but never let that get in the way of carving out a grand life for her family. She worked hard, struggled often, refused to compromise on how her children would be raised, laughed and lived along the way, and always found a way to make the best life for her children and grandchildren. She lived life on her own terms, and she leaves us the same way. God has a special place set aside for her, and by now it is looking a little more chic.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to St. Francis De Sales High School, 2323 W. Bancroft St., Toledo Ohio 43607.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Lourdes
6149 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Mass of the Resurrection

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *To all the Filipiak boys~*

Your mother always was the consulate professional in life- a superior example to everyone as a model Christian citizen.

Praying for the repose of her good soul during this Holy Week. Please except our deepest sympathies...

- Mark & Donna Hubbel / Rochester, NY & our Toledo family

mark - April 02, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ *Bob and Chuck. So sorry to learn of the passing of your Mom. I have fond memories of the times back in HS hanging out at the house with you guys. Your Mom was so kind and welcoming. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Don Birsen

Don Birsen - April 01, 2021 at 06:46 AM

PD

“ *We extend our deepest condolences to the Filipiak family on the passing of your mother Arlene. May her soul have everlasting peace and joy surrounded by the eternal love of Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Drozik family you are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Paul. My mother Phyllis, sister/brother Judy and Joe Drozik.*

Paul Drozik - March 31, 2021 at 11:57 AM

GT

“ Jim, Sorry about your mother. I know Eric thought so much of her. So glad he has had a great extended 'family' since he is an only child. Guess he got the best of both worlds, you and your family and then being spoiled.

Gwen Terwilliger - March 31, 2021 at 08:01 AM

MR

“ Chuck, so sorry to hear your mom has passed. God bless her as she meets Jesus in paradise. Prayers for you and your family as you mourn her loss.

Mary Raney

Mary Raney - March 30, 2021 at 08:43 AM

PM

“ Dr. Chuck, so sorry to read of your Mothers passing. She was a remarkable woman. Thoughts and prayers to you and your entire family.

Pat Murphy - March 30, 2021 at 07:52 AM