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WARDELL, ARLENE HANCOCK. Arlene, 74, was a beloved mother, grandmother and friend. Her home was in Miami where she lived with her husband Robert Lynn until his death in 1999 and lived there until her unexpected death August 31, 2009. Surviving are her sons Robert and Thomas, and their wives Emily (Robert) and Glysel (Thomas). Her two grandchildren, Rachel who loved the shopping trips with her grandmother and T.J. who loved the baseball games and Tennessee trips with his grandma, have given her so much happiness. Her love for them was unbounded-- adding a wonderful dimension to her life. For those who knew her well, Arlene was the epitome of love and caring. As a friend, she was loyal, genuine, and true. Her many friends in the Miami-Dade Public Schools were a priority in her life. She loved to travel, both domestically and abroad; there were always friends who enjoyed some of the trips with her. She was a descendant of John Hancock and was an avid student of her family history. Her membership in Alpha Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma, both sororities for women teachers, were close to her heart. In addition to the educational pursuits of these memberships, she formed lifetime friendships with many of her sister members. Also, the Dade Reading Council and the Retired Teachers Association enjoyed her leadership and support. Perhaps Arlene's greatest love was Jesus Christ, her Lord. Her books, her many Bibles, her DVDs, and tapes all attested to her deep study of God's Word. She lived her Christianity every minute of every day, never swerving from her beliefs. Granada Presbyterian is the church where she was an active member and on the Board of the Granada Day School. Arlene will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She touched hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives as a classroom teacher, a personnel administrator with the school system, and her recent work with the Charter Schools. She truly became an integral part of God's world of beauty, an Earth angel. Funeral arrangements are directed by Van Orsdel Funeral Home in Kendall. A



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viewing will be held on Thursday, September 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Friday, September 4, the funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at Granada Presbyterian Church, followed by interment at Miami Memorial Park at 6200 SW 77th Avenue. For those who wish to join the family after the interment, they are invited to be with the family at Arlene's home.



Events

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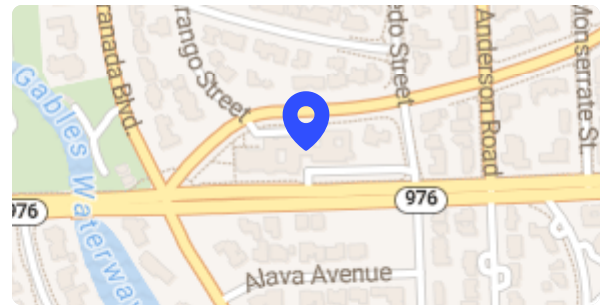
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Service

 **Friday**, September 4, 2009

 11:00 AM ET

 **Granada Presbyterian Church**
950 University Drive, Coral Gables FL





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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 30 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene Wardell could always make me smile and feel embraced by her unconditional friendship. Her insight and advice have guided me as a woman, mother and teacher. Arlene had a special twinkle in her eye that told you, "I'm listening. I care." She could make you laugh, but she could also make you think. Her passion for the ideals of sisterhood in our sorority and the spirited discussions she shared were inspiring. Arlene could weave a story so that you wanted to hear every detail. She could lift you up when you needed it most. She was never discouraged by a challenge. She was a lady. She knew how to have a good time. She had spunk. She had true faith. Having her as my 'sister' was a blessing.##imported-begin##Mary Joffre##imported-end##

September 18 at 12:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was a lifetime friend. We met in 7th grade homeroom and it was instant like. We were baptized together and began our spiritual journeys together. We kept in touch and no matter how many years have passed I mourn her loss deeply because she has been in my heart these 65 years.##imported-begin##Eva Yates##imported-end##

September 11 at 9:23 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Arlene was a true spirit of the Lord she loved and worshiped. She brought joy to the hearts of many and always had a positive outlook. This angel, Arlene, was brought to me many years ago by my dear friend Jeannine. Throughout the past twenty years our friendship grew as we shared moments of joy with her husband Bob, Granada Christmas Eve every year and many of their events, Christmas at Robert's house, our New York excursion to find her mom's roots and see the Macy Thanksgiving Parade, our Friday night dinners, the Rosebowl and numerous U of M games, as well as years of Dolphin games and fan club events. She was adventurous, spirited, well read, she loved ...her friend and dear neighbor Cyndy, her best friend Jeannine, her Youth for Christ events with Jackie, her lunches and trips with Betty, her family, Tommie, Glysel, & TJ, and Robert, Emily, & Rachel, her ADK and DKG sisters, her Reading Council, trips to the spa, dinners with old students Kathy and Penny, her work with Dade County Schools, and her many friends. May we find joy in the memories we shared with Arlene and may her family and friends always be blessed with this angel watching over us##imported-begin##Diana Taub##imported-end##

September 8 at 8:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene truly shone a light into every life - you felt it was just for you, but we know it was for many. Jeannine says she was an angel come to earth, and I guess she was called home, but oh how we here will miss her. We love you, Arlene##imported-begin##Michelle Starrett Knecht##imported-end##

September 7 at 1:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Arlene through my first cousin Jeannine Marcy as the two of them would stop when near Ocala and visit with me. She was truly a beautiful person and I know that all of her friends will miss her dearly. I will certainly miss her visits. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Evelyn Fendley##imported-end##

September 7 at 10:46 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My dear, dear friend, what a great blessing our God bestowed upon me when he allowed you to become my friend--42 years ago! What greater gift could there be here on this earth? Our many trips when Bob was with us, our many trips after his death--all were filled with many wonderful experiences, always knowing that God was with us and our praise to Him ongoing. Your smile, your laughter, your love, and sometimes even your tears were all part of the times we spent together--I'll always remember. You are forever in my heart. You know how much I love you. As we used to say when our visits came to an end, "I hope to see you soon!"##imported-begin##Jeannine Marcy##imported-end##

September 7 at 6:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was a great lady to work with, very professional but always friendly and warm. My condolences to her family and friends. You will feel the loss of her physical being, but will always remember and cherish her contribution to your lives. Sincerely, Marta Cutie.##imported-begin##Marta Cutie##imported-end##

September 4 at 6:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

What an honor and a privilege to have Arlene as my ADK sister and friend for twenty-four short years. She has been an inspiration and delight to know. A true Christian in every sense of the word. Arlene's being always radiated with a deep spiritual joy, regardless of the circumstances. I truly loved talking to her and sharing my life with her. Her wisdom was great, her strength of character unmatched. Arlene brought a Godly insight into all situations. Being with her, one always sensed a deep concern and care beyond compare. I loved Arlene with all my heart. I know that her rewards in heaven are great. I also know that as she entered her heavenly home, God spoke the words, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant." I take comfort in the fact that someday we shall meet again and there we shall never part. Until that day comes, Arlene will remain in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with her sons and their families.##imported-begin##Lisa Smith##imported-end##

September 4 at 5:30 PM



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Anonymous posted:

In the short time that we knew Arlene, it was clear to see what a loving and caring lady she was. May God have her in His glory. Maria and Cristina##imported-begin##Maria T. Riera and Cristina Riera##imported-end##

September 4 at 7:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

I have never in my life met a woman that had such an effortless ability to light up a room ... endearingly I called her my own personal SUNSHINE. Arlene, you will be missed but I thank God for having placed you in my life, if only for a season. The entire Charter School Operations department sends their prayers and sympathy to the family but hope that they know that God has added an amazing Angel to his entourage. We love you Arlene! Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Tiffanie Pauline-Roseau##imported-end##

September 4 at 4:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was a "Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place" She truly made a difference in my life as a principal. Cecilia L. Hunter, Principal (Retired)##imported-begin##Cecilia L. Hunter##imported-end##

September 4 at 1:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was so sorry to hear about aunt Arlene and send out my deepest sympathy to both you Robert and your family as well as to you Thomas and your family I will keep you all in my prayers... Love and Blessings your cousin Janice##imported-begin##Janice Arlene Fredrickson Bass##imported-end##

September 3 at 10:08 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Arlene was as fresh, beautiful, and uplifting as the violet; her sparkle as bright as the sacred lamp of learning--what an honor, privilege, and blessing it has been to have her in my life as an Alpha Delta Kappa sister, a fellow retired educator, and above all an inspiring friend. May the memories of her warm, loving smile and caring concern for others help to fill the void we on earth now face. My deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and our sisters. Love and hugs, Joan###imported-begin###Joan Tatum###imported-end###

September 3 at 4:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

Words cannot express the depth of my sorrow over the passing of Arlene. Though we worked together for approximately 11 years prior to her retirement, we worked verly closely for the past 4 years, during her employment with MDCPS Charter School Operations. It was in that close work relationship that I realized that she was indeed special. She was always an inspiration to me. She always had something kind to say to literally "make my day." I can say, unequivocally, that she was genuine in her actions and deeds. I will miss her deeply. My condolences are extended to her family and I pray that their fond memories will sustain them through this very difficult time.###imported-begin###Ruby Howard###imported-end###

September 3 at 10:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was always so very helpful and professional as she helped us that are involved in charter schools. She always had a smile and offered a solution. She cared about us as individuals. I will truly miss her. God bless her and her family. Alicia###imported-begin###Alicia Rodriguez Bower###imported-end###

September 3 at 7:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was the light in the corner of the room at Charter School Operations that shone brighter than the sun through the windows over the bay. She was the most positive person I have ever known. We all loved her. She will be missed.###imported-begin###Susan O'Connor###imported-end###

September 3 at 4:57 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We remember, love and miss you.##imported-begin##MARYANN CRAWFORD##imported-end##

September 3 at 4:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was truly one of God's Angels on Earth. She made the World a far better place because she was here with us. I will miss my dear friend and neighbor. Arlene was a blessing in my life over these past 20+ years and I treasure the wonderful times we shared. I will miss her terribly but know that she is now resting peacefully with her God.Cindy Sullivan, Doral, FL##imported-begin##Cindy Sullivan##imported-end##

September 2 at 8:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathies in the loss of your Mom and Grandma. My heart is so heavy with the loss of such a wonderful woman. I was a student of Arlene's 40 years ago at Thomas Jefferson Jr High. She was my teacher, my mentor, my inspiration, my friend. Arlene and her friendship were amongst the greatest treasures of my life. I will miss her so very much. Arlene, I love you Girlfriend.##imported-begin##Kathy Heideck##imported-end##

September 2 at 5:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

A beautiful presence is missing from our lives. I feel so very blessed to have known Arlene and her love, warmth and joy will be something I will remember always. I don't believe I ever saw her without a smile and she was a person who was nothing short of radiant. May God watch over her family and give them solace. I share in her loss with my Alpha Delta Kappa sisters and realize as they do what a treasure she was to us all. Heaven is now an even more beautiful place with Arlene.##imported-begin##Mary Jane Henderson##imported-end##

September 2 at 3:24 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Arlene brought a wealth of experience to our office, but most importantly, she brought her heart. We are all better people for having had Arlene in our lives. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Michael Bell##imported-end##

September 2 at 2:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

It was a pleasure to have grace the presence of Arlene Wardell. I have yet to meet an individual as kind, genuine, and humble as this lovely woman. Arlene was truly a special part of my life and I will miss her terribly. Arlene, I love you.##imported-begin##Anthony Graham##imported-end##

September 2 at 9:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear the passing of your mom and my sister. I send my deepest sympathy to your family.Love Aunt Denise Fredrickson##imported-begin##Denise Fredrickson##imported-end##

September 2 at 8:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

She has achieved success who has lived well; laughed often and loved much...who has filled her niche and accomplished her task...who has always looked for the best in others and given the best she had; whose life was an inspiration.~ Bessie StanleyI think this quote sums up Arlene. My life was enriched because she was my friend. I will always remember that smile that could stop traffic. A party is going on in heaven right now to celebrate the home coming of one of God's most precious angels. Love,Heather Parker##imported-begin##Heather Parker##imported-end##

September 2 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our family extends condolences and sympathy for the loss of your mother.Love, Corey, Kathleen, Carley, Krista, and Kelley##imported-begin##Corey Fredrickson and Family##imported-end##

September 2 at 8:21 AM



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Anonymous posted:

This is truly a loss, but I read once that ..."what the heart has owned and loved can never truly be lost." Arlene, you were unique and special. May God give strength and comfort to your loved ones, for I know you are surrounded by his Grace, in a perfect place. You will truly be missed!##imported-begin##Wanda Diaz##imported-end##

September 2 at 6:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was my friend, my mentor, my inspiration. I will truly miss our long chats and her wonderful wisdom. I take console in knowing she is in a better place. My prayers are with her family as they grief this great loss. Caroll##imported-begin##Caroll Raskin##imported-end##

September 1 at 5:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene epitomized the phrase "loving sister". However, she was more than a sorority sister to those of us who knew her in Alpha Delta Kappa. For some she was as close as any biological sister, for others she was like a "mother", but for all she was someone who was genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. Arlene always greeted everyone with a great big hug when she entered a sister's home, saying "how are you doing?" I will miss her big hugs the most! My prayers are with her family. Lynn##imported-begin##Lynn Edwins##imported-end##

September 1 at 5:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss Arlene's energy, her enthusiasm for life and her love for her friends. She always found time to take on a new challenge for Alpha Delta Kappa, regardless of the size of the task or its approaching due date. She embraced responsibility as an opportunity to discover something new, enjoyed the task at hand and finished with dazzling results. Arlene made a "Light of Herself" for all to follow. I stand with my ADK sisters in holding our dear friend close to our hearts, hear her voice, and rejoice with the memory of her laughter.##imported-begin##Sandy Bass##imported-end##

September 1 at 5:18 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Arlene was such a wonderful gracious person. She was one of my Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Bette##imported-begin##Bette Spector##imported-end##

September 1 at 4:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

It is hard to believe that we have lost our beloved Arlene. No one in our ADK chapter entered every meeting with a huge smile, an affectionate hug and hello, and a genuine interest and love in her fellow human beings, like Arlene did! She lifted everyone up high no matter where you felt you were before she walked in. She made you feel that there was no one more important that she had talked to that day. Wow, we will miss her. May God give her the peace and hope and love she offered us. My prayers go with her and her family, Margy##imported-begin##Margy Bastida##imported-end##

September 1 at 2:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

Arlene was the heart and soul of our chapter. She has blessed all of us with the gift of her life and spirit and we are so sad to lose her.##imported-begin##Karen L. Bodenhamer, ADK Lambda Chapter##imported-end##

September 1 at 2:02 PM



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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A Journey of Remembrance

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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