

Celebrating the Life of



Arlene Toonen

July 5, 1932 ~ January 15, 2026

Remember Me

Remember me when flowers bloom

Early in the spring

Remember me on sunny days

In the fun that summer brings

Remember me in the fall

As you walk through leaves of gold

And remember me in the wintertime

In the stories that are told

But most of all remember

Each day right from the start

I will be forever near

For I live within your heart.

In Loving Memory of

Arlene Beverly Toonen

Born

July 5, 1932 Amery, Wisconsin

Passed Away

January 15, 2026 Princeton, Minnesota

Funeral Service

Lakewood Cemetery Chapel

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Tuesday, January 21, 2026 ~ 1:00 PM

Survived by

children, Gregory, Michael, Karen (Duane), Lisa,
Patrice (Neil), Kathleen (Lyle); Margaret;
sisters-in-law, Hedda and Theresa;
grandchildren, Jessica (Kris), Jason (Melissa),
Sean (Laura), Ryan, Angela, Chad, Rueben (Anna),
Sheldon (Petra), Sophie (Jim), Mindy (Stoddard),
Rachael (Brad), Andrew and Nathan;
great grandchildren, Allie Blake, Lily, Clayton,
Jasmine, McKenzie, Charlie, Adam, Sean Jr, Colton,
Dashed Aubreana, Jesse Jr, Gregory, Awnica, Dominic, Cy,
Lucy, Magnus, Massimo, Audrey, Ayla, Eden, Josiah, Zara;
great, great grandson, Maddox;
many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in Death by

parents, Ralph and Evelyn Olson; husband, Frank;
siblings, Jerome, Roger, Marilyn and LaVonne;
sons, James and Kenneth Toonen; son-in-law, Tiki Joseph;
granddaughter, Regina.

Pallbearers ~ Grandsons

Chad Sean Ryan Jason Rueben

Honorary Pallbearer - Sheldon

Arlene grew up in Amery Wisconsin and loved living on the farm. She moved to Minneapolis and lived on sixth Street, where she graduated from South high school. She was a proud mother of four children and 4 step children. Arlene worked many jobs in her lifetime. Most memorable were the years she was part owner in the Uptown Bar and Grill on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis with her husband Frank. She spent her time, cooking lunch specials and mingling with customers. She was a feisty woman that gained her nickname "Testy" from her bowling girls in McGregor, Mn. She wasn't afraid to tell you how she felt but always was classy and respectful. She loved to travel, especially with her sisters. Road trips were their favorite. You could find them anywhere from Branson to Canada or just follow the giggles. Family was everything to Arlene. Her favorite times were family picnics, gatherings at her beloved lake home on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor. Sunday dinners usually cut short so she could get to BINGO. She loved golfing on their couple trips to Madden's. She also had a love for stretching her legs, a.k.a. shopping at the mall. BINGO was her absolute favorite. She'd be known to play multiple sessions in a day and always had a dauber ready to go.

Arlene lived a long, beautiful life and was loved by many. If you ever needed an ear to listen or sound advice, Arlene was the one to call no matter the time of day. Her kitchen table was always open and a hot cup of coffee was ready for you.

Arlene's big heart touched everyone who knew her. Her kindness, strength, and love shaped our family in ways that will never fade. Though she may be gone, her legacy lives on through the lessons she taught us and the love and feistiness she shared so freely.