



Arlene Ann Hicken

June 2, 1949 - September 30, 2013

With broken hearts the family of Arlene "Lottie" Parker Hicken, 64, announce that she has left her place on Earth, but rejoice in knowing she has gone to be with the Lord. She arrived by His side on September 30th, and reunited with her parents Kay and Hervey Parker, and sister Faye who reached home before her.

Arlene will be looking down from heaven on her husband and best friend of 40 years Dennis Hicken of Newnan, GA; their children, son Bradey of Birmingham, AL, and daughter Bree of Newnan, GA; her sister Karen Parker (Dale Smith) of Mesa, AZ; her brothers Jim Parker of Mellen, WI, Jerry (Sal) Parker of Mellen, WI, and Kevin (Barb) Parker of Minneapolis, MN; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Born on June 2, 1949, in Superior, Wisconsin, Arlene graduated from Mellen High School in Mellen, WI. After receiving her teaching certificate she married Dennis Hicken of High Bridge, WI on October 27, 1973. After 9 moves around the United States, Arlene and Dennis settled in Newnan, Georgia in 2001. The couple quickly became beloved boosters of the Georgia Tech Women's Basketball Team, rarely missing a game. In recent years they became part of the self-proclaimed "Breakfast Club" from St. George Catholic Church in Newnan that meets weekly after Mass at Town and Country Restaurant where the waitresses always have the corner booth ready.

While living in Astoria, Oregon, Arlene worked as a special needs teacher for children ages five and under. Upon moving back to Wisconsin where she was affectionately nicknamed "Lottie" by her lifelong friends she changed the spelling to "Lahti" as she began a career working in nursing homes as an activities coordinator for Alzheimer's patients. Lahti loved her work, and her co-workers.

She will be remembered as a loving, caring, infectious friendly woman who loved going to the movies with her husband, dancing, watching sports, meeting her friends for lunch and laughs, giving the neighborhood children Dum-Dum suckers, and supporting her family in all their endeavors...even when that meant learning the rules of hockey to keep up with her daughter and showing an interest in professional wrestling to stay in-tune with her son.

Whether she was washing basketball uniforms for Knappa High's "C" team, selling 50/50 tickets at football games, scouting rival teams for her husband, being the door-to-door wake up call for the University of Wisconsin-Superior Softball team, or working the beverage cart at the golf course she was always willing to lend a hand and a smile.

From beginning to end Arlene thought of everyone else first, and reminds us all to make sure we have some cash in our pocket, our cellphone, at least half a tank of gas, and call when we get there.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The funeral mass is Friday, October 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. George Catholic Church with Father Henry Atem officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Arlene's memory to St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Rd, Newnan, GA 30263; or to Georgia Tech Women's Basketball

at GTAA/Women's Basketball, 150 Bobby Dodd Way NW, Atlanta, GA 30332-0455.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Newnan, GA 30263
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Previous Events

Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I only heard about Arlene's passing today. I want to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are now with you and your family. I know that you and Arlene were blessed with 40 wonderful years together. God Bless you and your family Melodee

Melodee Helgason - October 30, 2013 at 12:37 PM

4E

“ My prayers and hope that with the passing of time, your hearts will heal and that rays of sunshine will once again warm your memories of the good times and love you shared together. May peace be with you and comfort you in your loss.

4EverRangerFrank - October 12, 2013 at 08:56 PM

CB

“ Dennis and family, So sorry to hear about Arlene's passing! She was a special person. Spent a lot of time with her when she took care of Olga! We would go down to Mellen and visit with her bringing her diet coke and breakfast brunches. What a nice obituary of all her life's accomplishments! She was always busy, caring, and happy. Hope this message of sympathy comforts you at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Curt and Marie

Curt and Marie Berweger - October 05, 2013 at 02:05 PM

GL

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dennis, Bradey and Bree on the loss of your beloved Arlene. Though we only had a short time getting to know you all at the softball fields of northern Wisconsin, all those years ago, the generous heart and friendship Arlene gave will always be remembered. Rest in peace, dear lady.

Gary Lavasseur - October 04, 2013 at 10:23 AM

KM

“ It saddened my heart when I came back to work to find out that Mrs. Hicken had passed. Mrs. Hicken, was an inspiration to me, she was such a wonderful lady inside and out. No matter what kind of night I was having, just seeing her smile, made my night alot better. Words cannot describe the conversation that me and her had. She was such a God fearing lady, knowing that she resides beside her King makes it alot easier for me. Just wanted the family and friends to know although she was here a short time at LTACH, she left so much of an impression. She will always have a special place in my heart. Praying for the family and friends for strength, during this hard time. Sincerly, Ms. Keisha McKee

Keisha McKee - October 04, 2013 at 04:31 AM

BE

“ We would like to send our condolences to Dennis, Bradey and Bree. Arlene was a wonderful caring lady and will truly be missed. We knew her when the family lived in Knappa, Oregon. We always enjoyed helping Arlene by selling tickets at the girls basketball games. She was so active in the school and community. We will keep Dennis, Bradey and Bree in our prayers. Arlene is in heaven now cheering on the angels basketball team. She will be missed here but not forgotten. We are keeping the family in our prayers. Take care.

Bill and Georgette Eastland - October 03, 2013 at 07:39 PM

BW

“ We were so saddened to hear of Arlene's passing. We don't think we know of a more caring and generous couple as you have made. We will always remember her for all the comfort she gave others, and you should be comforted knowing she is in God's care now and forever. Dennis, give your children a big hug for us and be strong together in this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our love, Bob and Carol

Bob and Carol Woodson - October 03, 2013 at 06:59 PM

TF

“ To Dennis, Bree & Brady: We are so very sorry for your loss. Arlene was a very unique, generous individual. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Richard & Dana Bangs Cullen & Heidi Bangs Derek & Courtney Bangs Elaine & Fred Somerville

The Bangs Family - October 03, 2013 at 12:30 PM

TT

“ Mrs. Arlene was a sweet kind woman. It was a my privilege taking care of her. We had several special moments together talking about her family and mine. She always has a smile on her face when I took care of her. Denise, Bree, and Brady were so strong to be by her side during this hard time. You are a special family and I know Mrs. Arlene loved each of you very much. I wish I could be there for the Mass, but I have to work. My prayers are with you. Thanks you for letting me take care of her. Tammy

Tammy Respiratory Therapist - October 03, 2013 at 09:37 AM

CC

“ It was an honor to take care of Mrs. Arlene for the short time that we knew her. She had the sweetest smile and was a joy to be around. She had this sign in her room that said "Just keep swimming" and we believe she swam all the way to the glory. We pray for peace and comfort for Mr. Hicken, Bree, and the family. Even though our hearts are saddened by her departure, we know she is at peace and we love you. From Roosevelt Warmsprings-LTACH Staff.

Caroline, Brenda, Kim, and Christie. - October 02, 2013 at 09:31 PM

CP

“ I was sorry to learn of Arlene's passing. Our daughters (Bree and Emily) share a common birthday, love of basketball, and attended school together. Arlene was always ready with a smile and to help on any school project - especially sports. Her compassionate heart was apparent to everyone and made her instantly someone to go to when needed. I did not know she was ill and prayed for her when I learned this news. I am thankful she is with our Lord. She was an earth angel. My thoughts and prayers are with Bree, Bradey and their dad.

Cindy Peake - October 02, 2013 at 06:55 PM

DE

“ When I think of Mrs. Arlene I think of those amazing hugs she used to give after every game; win, lose, or draw. She had such a pleasant spirit and always seemed to brighten a day with her beautiful smile. I looked forward to seeing her in the stands another season, however I know that she will be watching over us now. To her family: I know that this is a trying time and it is always tough to lose the ones closest to us, but stick together and keep your faith in God. Always remember that death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal. So remember those good times. Praying for you and your family, Deja

Deja - October 02, 2013 at 10:59 AM

DO

“ *Bradey and Bree and all of the Hicken family), we are so sorry to hear about your mother. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. May you find comfort during this sorrowful time.*

DonnaTouchton - October 02, 2013 at 09:15 AM

SB

“ *When I think about Ms. Arlene, I am instantly reminded of her beautiful smile and charismatic energy. At both home and away games, I was always so excited to see her smiling down from the stands on me and my teammates. She was such a loving and caring person. I will never forget how generous she was in her support of Georgia Tech Women's Basketball. She will definitely be missed! Shayla J. Bivins Georgia Tech Women's Basketball Senior*

Shayla Bivins - October 01, 2013 at 10:04 PM

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“ *What a wonderful lady who was always there for everyone! Arlene worked with my daughter Kera through the Early Intervention program in Astoria, She always went above and beyond! One summer she babysat for me, I'll never forget coming home to find a blow up swimming pool in the middle of the living room and her and Kera laughing and giggling. She was a lovely lady, I am so sorry for your loss!*

Kerri Hoagland (McGee) - October 01, 2013 at 09:57 PM

JT

“ Denny, Brady, and Bree Pat and I were so sorry to hear about your loss. We will be with Mom and Dad tomorrow and will share your loss with them, so will add them to our condolences. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. John and Pat Turonie Uncle John and Aunt Evelyn

John Turonie - October 01, 2013 at 06:04 PM

HF

“ I was so sorry to learn of Arlene's passing. I will always remember her as the sweet, smiling, gracious lady that she was. You are all in my prayers as you deal with your loss. Remember the joy she brought into all of your lives.

Helene Fremstad - October 01, 2013 at 04:48 PM

JW

“ Our hearts are sad today. We sit here thinking of all the wonderful times our families had together in Florence, SC. Our families had so much in common. The memories are just flooding us today. Dennis, Bradey, and Bree honor Arlene's memory with positive lives. Happiness is what she wants for all of you. God bless you all.

Jan and Walt Wike - October 01, 2013 at 02:53 PM

CG

“ Words can't express how much Arlene meant to our Georgia Tech Women's Basketball Family. Her presence will be greatly missed but carried in our hearts forever. At this time, I know words of comfort won't take the pain away but my prayer is that you will find healing as you begin to think of the wonderful times shared together. My prayers are with you and your family. Thinking of you, Catherine

Catherine Greene - October 01, 2013 at 02:08 PM

BS

“ To Dennis, Bree, & Brady, We will always have a special place in our hearts for "Ms. Arlene". Although, we didn't have much time with her, we all grew to love her, as well as Dennis & Bree. You were such a support for her and you brightened her day with your visits and constant support. She loved you all deeply and she expressed that to us all the time. We are just sorry that we could not heal her to go back home with you, but we were all blessed for having our time with her too! We hope you find the same peace that Ms. Arlene did. Sincerely, Beverly and the Respiratory staff at Warm Springs

Beverly Saint-Amand - October 01, 2013 at 02:03 PM

CT

“ I was saddened to learn of Arlene's passing. I always looked forward to talking to her before and after games at Georgia Tech. Her bright smile was contagious. She will forever be in our hearts and we are better people today because of her. May God comfort you all during this difficult time and know you'll be in my thoughts and prayers!! Clay Georgia Tech Wreckin Crew

Clay Thomason - October 01, 2013 at 01:57 PM