



Arlene Ruth Platt

December 8, 1949 - October 12, 2024

Arlene Ruth Vail Platt returned to her Heavenly Father on Saturday, October 12, 2024, surrounded by her family. Mom was born to Leslie and Golda Vail in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on December 8th, 1949, the third of five children. She grew up in Wenatchee, Washington before attending Ricks College and the Church College of Hawaii where she studied journalism. Mom married Gene Lyman Platt in the Provo, Utah temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 25, 1972. They lived in Orem and Provo, Utah and Beaverton, Oregon before settling in Newberg, Oregon in 1979, where they raised their family.

Arlene's marriage, children, and faith were the focus of her life. Mom was a proud homemaker and a devoted mother to her seven children, and she was a tireless advocate for us all throughout our lives. Whether we were working on school projects, navigating social drama, looking for a ride to Abby's, trying to learn an instrument, needing an essay typed on the typewriter, or just wanting moral support and comfort, mom gave us her wisdom, time, and love, working tirelessly to ensure we had what we needed to succeed and feel confident. Mom didn't just care for her own children, but also invested in our friends, neighborhood kids, church youth groups, and those she babysat over the years. She was a beacon of light and love to youth all around her community, and her lasting influence over this large circle is a testament to her commitment to motherhood.

Mom's faith in the Savior Jesus Christ and her dedication to living a life of Christian service was at the core of who she was and the ideals to which she aspired as a woman, wife, mother, and daughter of God. A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, mom taught children, youth, and adults in many different assignments over the years about God and the Savior's atonement and teachings, and she was a leading light in her church congregation. Mom loved deeply and broadly and was a faithful friend and companion to those in her large social circle, both in and out of her church. Whether making a meal for a sick friend, giving a ride to the doctor's office, or visiting someone who needed a pick-me-up, mom embodied Christ-like service and compassion and was always available to help. There was no one better in a crisis than mom, and she lifted and supported all around her.

We miss mom's incredible cooking and our time in the kitchen with her as she worked her magic. We miss her humor and smile, her compassion and love, her care packages full of dollar-store finds, and her frequent phone calls and updates on friends and family. We miss hearing mom's powerful testimony of the Savior and of the happiness she felt in emulating the values He taught during his ministry. Mom lived an abundant life, full of joy, friendship, and purpose, and we are proud to be her family.

Mom is preceded in death by her parents (Leslie and Golda Vail), brother (Robert Vail), and her son-in-law (Brent Lacey). Mom is survived by her husband Gene Platt, her siblings (Annette Wrigley, Shauna Bingham, and Diane Evans), her seven children Briant (Micky) Platt, Lisa (Rich) Lighten, Amelia Platt, Allison Lacey, Sara (Abraham) Hanson, Gordon (Katrina) Platt, and Shauna (Dave) Alexander, 23 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Mom's funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 11:00

a.m. (an open-casket viewing will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m.) at the Newberg chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (1212 Deborah Rd, Newberg, OR 97132). The funeral service will be broadcast via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/94684638822>). We invite all who knew and loved mom to join us in celebrating the life of this remarkable woman.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue
Newberg, OR 97132

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1212 Deborah Road
Newberg, OR 97132

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ I'm devastated about this news. I just heard this today and I'm so very sad. I love Arlene and found out we were cousins when I lived in Newberg back in 2022. I miss her and I offer her husband sincere condolences. RIP sweet friend.

Barby Ball - June 04, 2025 at 04:56 PM

ME

“ Arlene & gene were always there for my family

Melissa - February 20, 2025 at 05:14 PM

ME

Arlene was a loving mom & friend to everyone

Melissa - September 03, 2025 at 02:25 AM

JV

“ I met Arlene at the Newberg pool. She was so friendly and caring. She always tried to find other people whose names rhymed with ours and would call us the “Ene-ies” We also went to the WW meetings together. We went to see the Elvis movie together. I will miss her sweet smile and wonderful laugh.

Jenine Volker - October 20, 2024 at 06:21 PM

BS

“ Sister Platt and the Bishop were there for me when I was away from my family and was going through some really tough times. They made their home a true refuge from the world with their spirit and never-ending humor. I will always consider their home on Cedar street my home away from home. Prayers for you and your family Geno.

BRANDON CHAD SHELLEY - October 17, 2024 at 04:09 PM

KL

“ Arlene introduced herself to me when I first started leading aqua aerobics classes at the CPRD pool over 5 years ago. She was bold and never met a person without adding them to her posse of friends. Arlene, who shares my mother's name, became a truly supportive companion to me and to our classes at the pool. She helped me find peace and grace as outside forces sometimes buffeted my days. I will miss her face....and her wisdom....and will continue to confide in her, since I'm sure she will be listening. Blessed Be dear Arlene.

Kirsten Van Loo - October 16, 2024 at 09:58 PM

GG

“ I still don't know how this special person can be gone. She was such a positive, friendly person - I will miss her cheery greeting.

G Michael Gougler - October 16, 2024 at 06:06 PM