

Arlene Lorna Bell

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Forever in Our Hearts

Arlene Bell of Rapid City, Manitoba, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 10, 2026, with her family by her side. She was 89 years old.

Arlene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, auntie, teacher, and friend whose kindness and warmth

touched the lives of many. Arlene was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba to Archie and Violet McDonald. While teaching in Rapid City, she met her beloved husband, Lawrence Bell, and in 1959 they were married, beginning a partnership that lasted 60 years. Together they raised three children, Glen, Max, and Shauna, and built a life centered around family, farming, hard work, and community. She was her family's greatest cheerleader, offering wisdom, unconditional love, and endless support.

As a teacher, Arlene was caring, positive, and patient. She was guided by a deep belief in the potential of every child and always saw the best in everyone. She took great pride in making her students feel encouraged and valued, leaving a lasting impression on the many young lives she helped shape.

Community-minded and deeply rooted in small-town life, Arlene and Lawrence were active supporters of their children's activities and the Rapid City community. Through their involvement, they built many lifelong friendships and meaningful connections over the years.



Arlene enjoyed nature and appreciated the beauty of every season. She was a dedicated partner on the farm and a true steward of the land. Over the years, she enjoyed having her grandchildren visit and delighted in seeing the world through their eyes. Many wonderful memories were created through time spent together reading, baking, picking rocks, berries, and flowers, observing wildlife, watching the hummingbirds, and eating ice cream!

She had a special gift for preserving family memories through photography, carefully capturing treasured moments and creating beautiful photo albums that will be cherished by her family for generations to come.

Arlene will be lovingly remembered by her children: son Glen Bell and his children, Alexe (Curtis), Jesse (Travis), Robin and Mackenzie; son Max Bell; daughter, Shauna (Bill) Sherven and their children, Justin (Melissa), Jennelle (Paul), Kaitlin (Andrew), Meghan (Nathan), and 11 great-grandchildren. Sister, Bev (Gary) Phillips; sister-in-law Mary Bell; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence, her parents, Archie and Violet McDonald; sister, Shirley (Les) Cummins; and in-laws, Frank Bell, Margaret Greig (Bob), (Stan Greig), Islay Bell, Bella (Jack) Belcher, Neil Bell, and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and Agnes Bell.

The family will honour Arlene's life with a private service at a later date.

If so desired, donations in memory of Arlene may be sent to the Rapid City Regional Library (P.O. Box 8, Rapid City, MB R0K 1W0).

For those wishing to leave online messages of condolence, please visit www.MyAlternatives.ca/Regina.

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at Autumn Personal Care Home for their compassionate care and support of Arlene during her time there. We are

forever grateful.

The following reflection is one that Arlene cherished: "Those we love can never really leave us. We feel their presence, like a gentle touch, whenever we remember moments shared and do again the things they loved to do. In so many ways, they remain with us, their gentle spirit part of all we do and all we are."

Messages of Condolence

I remember your mom as a kind ,gentle soul. Please accept our condolences as you navigate through this next chapter of grief. Cherish your memories. Cindy and Paul Dick

— **Cindy Dick**

Dear Glen,Max Shauna and famlies. I am so sorry to learn of the passing of my dear friend. Arlene and I had many "adventures" ,good ti mes,tea parties, phonecalls ,and lots of laughs. Arlene will be sorely by all who knew her. My condolence to all. I know these last years have not been easy for her,but now she is at peace. My love to all .

— **Doris Esplin**

So sorry for your loss. I was very lucky to have grown up as a neighbor and then even luckier to raise a family by Arlene and Lawrence. Always happy to see us stop in, cookies and juice. They're together again and at peace. Their memories live on in all of you and with the many friends that cherished their friendship. Glen, Max and Shauna our thoughts are with you. Hugs

— **Karen and Mike Bootsman**

Our sincere sympathy to all the family. Aunt Arlene will be missed.

— **Diane and Jim Kuculym**

So sorry for the loss Aunt Arlene. She will be missed, but the memory of her will live in all that knew her.

— **Glenn + Lisa Kingdon**

Arlene meant so much to our family. She taught my sister kindergarten. Countless hours driving myself and Shauna to the rinks for skating lessons. A proud parent quietly sitting on the sidelines cheering on her family in all sports and school activities, and Pipe Band! Lots of cups of tea shared, and later on with the grandchildren taking up the tradition of tea parties with the next generation. Beautiful memories. She is at peace now and enjoying her cups of tea, her flowers, and together again with Lawrence.

— **Shelley & Jim Meakin, Dustin Harvey, Angela May**

So sorry for your loss of both Lawrence and Arlene. One photo I remember Arlene taking was of a hockey team I was playing on when I was about 12. The Rapid City team had enough players for one line. Lawrence got the 3rd line of the Minedosa team to join us for a tournament in Oak River. I remember three things about that day. Lawrence was the organizer, team coach and manager. Arlene took a photo of the team in the dressing room. I also remember noticing that all the play was in the opposition end of the rink during the Minedosa line shift and all in our end of the rink during the Rapid City lines shift. Arlene always made me feel welcome on the many visits to her home. Don Greig

— **Don Greig**

I am so sorry for your family's loss. Mrs. Bell was my kindergarten teacher and best teacher ever. I remember spending time at the rink together and with the pipe band. Dad would say let's go for a drive and off we go for a visit at the farm. She always had cookies of some sorts and tea to sip on. She will be dearly missed.

— **Karen Esplin Sanderson**

Hi Shauna,I was very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom a couple of weeks ago. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.May God grant her eternal rest and surround you with His peace, comfort, and strength in the days ahead.With sympathy and prayers,Fr. Mau

— **Mau Nguyen**



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