



Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz

March 3, 1945 - October 17, 2019

AYER- Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz, 74, of Ayer formerly of Arlington, died peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Arlene was born in Boston on March 3, 1945, one of ten children to the late Frederick and Winifred (Callahan) Byrne. She was a 1963 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Brookline and had resided in Arlington with her loving husband for most of her life before moving to Ayer in 2004.

She had worked for the Town of Arlington as a traffic supervisor for many years prior to her retirement in 2004.

Even though she was the youngest of her siblings she became the center of the family. Arlene was the go to person whether you needed a shoulder to cry on, a meal made, a family address or the extended family update.

Faith and family were the cornerstones of her life. Arlene or "Nana" as she was affectionately known by all, was a selfless caregiver not only to her family but also her friends and neighbors. Her grandchildren were the loves of her life. She celebrated every moment with them from cheering them on at sporting events to sharing family dinners to relishing in their accomplishments. Family holidays and birthday celebrations were among her favorite days of the year. She was always the life of the party.

She leaves her husband of 47 years, Stanley M. Plachowicz of Ayer; a daughter, Nancy Marrese and her husband Christopher of Littleton; a son, Christopher Plachowicz and his wife Gina of North Berwick, ME; three grandchildren, Alyssa, Brian and Elizabeth and countless nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by her seven brothers and two sisters.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 21, at 11AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley.

Burial will follow at 1PM in St. Josph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Calling hours will be held in Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer prior to the funeral Mass on Monday morning from 9 to 10:30AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

990 Lagrange St
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 21. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

OCT 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall



“ *Sitting in Aunt Winnie's kitchen watching her comb Arlene's hair for school. We walked to school together.*

Phyllis Champlin Tapley

Phyllis Tapley - October 19, 2019 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Mark, Diane, Andrew and Laura Marrese purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



Mark, Diane, Andrew and Laura Marrese - October 19, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



October 19, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



October 19, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Arlene, fond memories on Blaine Ave. in Allston, when we were growing up. Sandy (Champlin) MacPherson

sandra champlin macpherson - October 19, 2019 at 11:51 AM



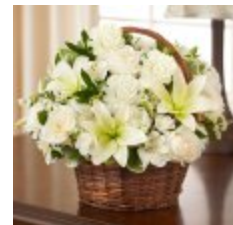
“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.



October 19, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.



October 19, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Arlene's passing. She was an awesome gal. I remember going to Aunt Whinney's house for cookies and milk and always saw Arlene with her smiling face.

We are Second Cousins God Bless you Arlene

Love,
Frankie Callahan

Frank Callahan Jr - October 19, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



October 18, 2019 at 06:26 PM



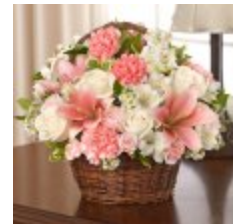
“ *The Family of Corrine and Fred Byrne purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



The Family of Corrine and Fred Byrne - October 18, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *The Dovidio Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Arlene (Byrne) Plachowicz.*



The Dovidio Family - October 18, 2019 at 03:39 PM