



Arlene L. Reiser

February 17, 1934 - September 13, 2025

Arlene (Engel) Reiser, 91, of Hampshire, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Avondale Estates of Elgin.

She was born February 17, 1934, in Hampshire, the daughter of Ernest and Mary (Herrmann) Engel. Arlene married Lowell "Whitey" Reiser on February 9, 1952, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Hampshire. Arlene retired from W.R. Meadows after working there for 22 years, was an active member of the St. Charles Borromeo Church, a life member and served as the past President and Treasurer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary post #8043. She was a member, historian, and retired volunteer of Amita St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, Secretary of Burlington/Hampshire Senior Citizens Group, member, historian, and "Woman of the Year" winner for Plato Center Unit for Home and Community Education, member of the Hampshire Historical Society life member of Fox Valley Modet T Club of Elgin, and both Arlene and Lowell "Whitey" received the Earl C. Engel award for Community Service. In 2013.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dale Lichthardt of Genoa, IL, and son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Helen Reiser of Clinton, IL; grandchildren, Amy and Joseph Dobzynski, of Camarillo, Ca, Daniel and Ashley Lichthardt of Sycamore, Randy Reiser & and step grandson, John Burton both of Clinton, IL; great-granddaughters, Eileen Dobzynski, Grace & Sophia Lichthardt; and brother-in-law, George Drendel of Hampshire.

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lowell "Whitey" Reiser; grandson, Jason Lichthardt; sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Erv Fay, Bernice and Winfred Lamkin, brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Velda Engel, and sister, Marcella Drendel.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 19th from 9:30 am until the 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E Jefferson Ave. in Hampshire. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Arlene's name may be directed to St Charles Borromeo Church of Catholic School.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Getzelman Road
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
297 E. Jefferson Ave.
Hampshire, IL 60140

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the death of your Mom, Darlene. You were very fortunate to have her in your life for so long. My thoughts are with you and your family. Wendy Kline Reynolds

Wendy Reynolds - November 04, 2025 at 11:23 AM

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“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember my aunt Arlene as a kind and thoughtful person. Sure she will be missed by all.
Jerry & Lin Engel

Jerry Engel - September 18, 2025 at 08:48 AM

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“ David & Sheralee Lichthardt & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arlene L. Reiser.



David & Sheralee Lichthardt & Family - September 17, 2025 at 09:50 AM