



## Mrs. Arlene May Oberg

May 29, 1924 - October 8, 2020

Arlene May Oberg, 96, of Rockford went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 8, 2020. Born on May 29, 1924 in Rockford, daughter of Edgar and Ethel (Mackey) Ryman. Graduate of East High School. United in marriage to Donald Oberg on September 23, 1944 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, where she was a lifelong member. Arlene was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Arlene and her husband created an amazing life and legacy of love in their family. They had mutual respect for each other and demonstrated their lifelong love and devotion to each other throughout their marriage. Arlene and Don enjoyed weekly date nights, which included dinner and dancing. They loved camping and fishing at Sunday Lake and traveling throughout the United States. She was a talented baker and cook and loved gathering her family together for a weekly Sunday evening meal and celebrating special family events. Their entire extended family has benefitted from the example of unconditional love and beautiful relationship Arlene and Donald shared. Survived by her children, Gary (Beverly) Oberg, Thomas (Jean) Oberg, Debra (Charles) Grigalauski; grandchildren, Brent Oberg, Karrie (Jason) LaCroix, Daniel (Jen) Oberg, Jenna Grigalauski, Patrick Grigalauski; great-grandchildren, Austen Oberg, May and Tucker LaCroix, and Riley Oberg. Preceded in death by her parents, husband; granddaughter, Tessa Oberg; great-granddaughter, Emma Grace LaCroix; and grandson-in-law, Adam Schowalter. Private graveside services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Arlene's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's

Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, <https://www.classy.org/give/153589/#!/donation/checkout> Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Rather late in sending but wanted to remember all of you. It has been so nice to sit behind Arlene in church each Sunday with Tom and will miss all that when things get back to normal. Whatever that will be. And to Gary and Bev. And also to Debbie who I have had an association with quilts. Arlene and I have gone back since we were young at Trinity and she will be missed. Sorry it isn't normal to be with you at a service.

*Sincerely, Garnett Larson Johnson*

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**Garnett Johnson** - October 13, 2020 at 06:41 PM

PW

“ The Obergs. The Nymans and The Graceffas were quite a trio of families. Lots of Alpine School stories. Lots of neighborhood ball games played in either the Nyman yard or Graceffa yard. Carpools to Alpine School. Arlene was known to threaten the boys with "Wait 'til your father gets home." Enjoyed trick or treating at the Obergs. Great family memories.

*From Polly Nyman Wright*

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**Polly Nyman Wright** - October 10, 2020 at 07:40 PM

RS

“ Our deepest sympathy from The Storck Family. You helped me in my time of need by driving me from Mayo Clinic to Rockford after spine surgery. Arlene and Don were always supportive when I was Assistant Pastor at Trinity for 11 years. Thank you for your kindness. I remember my visits with Don and Arlene sharing Communion...always had a treat for me! You have been blessed with compassionate parents!

*Rev. Kenneth R. Storck*

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**Rev. Kennueth Storck** - October 10, 2020 at 09:03 AM

LH

“ I just happened to check the Rockford obits & sadly, saw Arlene's name . I cannot begin to tell you what great times my parents( Beth & Armon) had with Don & Arlene. And there was something about a story I heard regarding Don & my Dad hauling concrete in a wheelbarrow when my parents lived on Roncevalles. I have a treasure in my kitchen that Don made--a wood recipe box. Arlene & Don always welcomed me over for a visit whenever I flew to Rockford to see my grandfather. I still remember Arlene talking about her stretch & sew classes, which Don promptly called sew & go classes. Parents like we had were such a treasure and built of endurance, love, and determination rarely seen now. We were blessed by them. I'm sorry for the loss of your fine Mother. Linda Hibbits Helm

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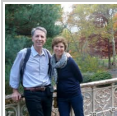
**Linda Hibbits Helm** - October 09, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JC

“ Being with Mrs. “Mom” Oberg was like going home to my second family during my college years. Her incredibly inviting personality always made me feel more than welcome—I felt like one of the family. She and Don generously invited me to stay with them while I was in between apartments and spent a few times with their whole family at their property in Minoqua—living with them really gave me a peek into their charming and fun family life. Something was always buzzing there—filled with everyone helping each other with what needed to get done and teaching each other as well. And my goodness, Ma Oberg sure could cook and bake up the most delicious treats—savory and sweet! When Debbie would arrive back at the dorm from a weekend at home, a good number of us “in the know “ would flock to her room to sample the goodies packed! Our friendship continued yearly with notes sent to each other in our Christmas cards, which were always beautifully written and thoughtful, sharing family news. I will always hold Arlene close in my heart with only the most precious memories that give me a warm feeling each time I think of her. I love you 💕 R.I.P. dear “Mom” Oberg ❤️

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**Jane Callahan** - October 09, 2020 at 07:00 PM



*My deepest sympathies to the entire Oberg clan. I am holding all of you in my thoughts, prayers, and heart. Love to you all.*

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**Jane Callahan** - October 10, 2020 at 12:50 PM