



Arlene Coleman Petersen

October 10, 2025

Arlene Coleman Petersen, 62, of Hampton, Virginia, passed away on October 10, 2025. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, she was the beloved daughter of Warren T. Coleman Jr. and Jean A. Coleman.

Arlene's life was marked by determination, compassion, and a deep love for learning. She achieved many academic accomplishments throughout her life and was most recently a Resident Arlene Coleman Petersen in Counseling, a role that reflected her lifelong dedication to helping others. Her natural ability to put people at ease, to listen, and to earn trust made her a source of comfort and strength to everyone who knew her.

Family and friends were at the heart of Arlene's world. She loved spending time with her loved ones, finding joy in gathering together, sharing conversations, and hearing music—especially when it was played by family members. She loved deeply, forming bonds grounded in sincerity, warmth, and unwavering loyalty. Her resilience and strength carried her through life's challenges, and she faced each one with courage and grace.

Arlene is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Doug); her stepchildren Brittany Petersen, Laura Ilvento, Jeremey Petersen (Nichole Ashikis), and Todd Petersen; brother, Andy Coleman (Cheri); her aunt, Lannie Coleman-Davis

(Jesse). She was also cherished by extended family and friends who will forever hold her memory close.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Rheumatology Research Foundation at <https://www.rheumresearch.org/the-foundation>.

Arlene will be remembered for her warmth, her strength, and the love she poured into every relationship. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched.

A memorial service to honor Arlene's life will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 7, 2026 in Loving Funeral Home by Pastor Doug Vance.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Arlene was such a great person she was one of my best friends We would talk on the phone for hours she was such a lovely and loving person i sure have missed her she had some hard battles in her life being sick. She loved her Family and she would always talk about her sweet daughter and grandson and her husband No more pain Arlene and you are surely missed Rest In Peace Sweetie

Regan Smith - February 12 at 09:27 AM

KS

“ I did not know Arlene long nor did I know her well. However, I do know that she had a fierce love for her family. Beth was my neighbor and Arlene was her biggest fan. I knew she returned to school to get her masters in Counseling which seemed only fitting given her many strengths. Arlene was compassionate intuitive and listened with her heart. She was truly a gift and will be missed.

Kimberly Smialek - January 27 at 05:07 PM

LE

“ Silver Beach was our playground in the 1970's. I have so many fond memories of our time during those summer days. I was so glad when we caught back up years later. Managed to catch up in person a few times over the years and we never seemed to skip a beat. Such a kind heart, a great friend.

Laura Eades - January 16 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ My heartfelt condolences to Arlene’s family and close friends. I went to high school with her and lost touch as our lives took us in different directions. I remember her kindness towards me during high school times that were challenging. Her helping spirit was evident at a young age. May you keep her with you by sharing all the wonderful stories.

Jan Morgan Monroe - January 11 at 03:30 PM

LS

Arlene was one of the first that befriended me after I moved to Virginia in 1994. She was certainly one of a kind and she will be sorely missed.

Lisa Snead - March 06 at 09:39 AM

LD

“ Lannie Coleman Davis lit a candle in memory of Arlene Coleman Petersen



Lannie Coleman Davis - January 05 at 05:46 PM

KK

“ Kelly Chretien Krepps lit a candle in memory of Arlene Coleman Petersen



Kelly Chretien Krepps - December 30, 2025 at 03:56 PM

KK

“ *Arlene was my best friend for years. We lost touch but when we got back together it was like never being apart. I miss being able to call and just talk for hours about nothing but everything. Arlene you are always in my heart and mind. I miss you my dear friend* □ □

Kelly Krepps - December 30, 2025 at 03:55 PM