



Arlene M. Herman

July 31, 1936 - May 7, 2026

Arlene M. Herman, 89, passed away peacefully at her home in Libertyville on Thursday, May 7, 2026. She was born on July 31, 1936, in Chicago and was raised in Evergreen Park, IL.

Arlene met and married the love of her life, Paul Herman, and together they began their new life in Denver. After a few short years they moved to Michigan, where Arlene was a devoted and active member of Midland Reformed Church. There Arlene played the organ and piano, sang in the choir, and directed a youth choir known as The Jubilations. She and Paul sponsored the youth group.

The family later relocated to Libertyville, where they were former members of Calvary Baptist Church and current members of First Presbyterian Church. At First Presbyterian Church, Arlene faithfully served as a fellowship leader and deacon.

Arlene's lifelong passion for music was known throughout her community. She shared her gift of music by teaching piano lessons to many children over the years, playing the piano and organ at her church, as well as playing the piano bringing joy to nursing home residents.

For 26 years, Arlene served as an administrative assistant at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. While working there, she also pursued classes and proudly earned her bachelor's degree in music, joining her husband and children as college graduates — an accomplishment that brought her great joy.

Arlene will be remembered as a giving and caring woman who deeply loved her family and especially enjoyed hosting family gatherings and celebrations for every occasion.

She is survived by her beloved husband of almost 70 years, Paul Herman; her children, Gregory (Doreen) Herman, Andrea (Pete) Schneider, and Timothy (Kirsten) Herman; six grandchildren, Brian and Casey Herman, Christina (Jason) Doll, Dan (Shayna) Schneider, Amanda Herman, and Luke (Kayla) Herman; three great-grandchildren, Isabella, Addilynn, and Laiken; her sister, Elaine (Dave) Lavin; and her sister-in-law, Elaine Elgersma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry & Louise Elgersma and brother, Henry Elgersma.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, 219 W. Maple Ave., Libertyville. Interment will follow after a church reception at Lakeside Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Arlene's honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home. For information, call 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
219 W. Maple Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048
<http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ One of our best memories of our time working and studying at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Trinity College, was our friendship with Arlene, a friendship that has now spanned over 40 years. We are indebted to Arlene and Paul for their faithful friendship, hospitality, prayers and support of our work as missionaries.

Ben Beckner - May 26 at 02:21 AM

ML

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, Andi. May you find strength and steadfastness within yourself in such a difficult time.

Maung Lin - May 14 at 04:40 AM

LS

“ My deepest condolences and prayers. May Arlene's memory forever be a blessing to your family and comfort you during this difficult time.

Lauren Seaver - May 12 at 01:08 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. May you feel God's peace, love, comfort and strength during this difficult time. Arlene sounds like she was an amazing, caring, loving woman.



Stephanie Eastman - May 12 at 09:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arlene M. Herman.*



May 10 at 09:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene M. Herman.*



May 10 at 02:08 PM



“ *Ike and Sheri Eichelberger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arlene M. Herman.*



Ike and Sheri Eichelberger - May 10 at 11:52 AM



“ *Grandkids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene M. Herman.*

Grandkids - May 09 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Grandkids purchased the Lavender Reflections S
pray for the family of Arlene M. Herman.*



Grandkids - May 09 at 10:26 PM