



Arlene Fall

June 29, 1936 - February 13, 2026

Arlene Genevieve Dilorio Fall, of Bonita Springs, FL (previously of Wickford, RI), passed away on February 13, 2026. She was born on June 29, 1936, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Arlene lived an incredible life, dedicated greatly to helping students. After attending Classical High School in Providence and University of Rhode Island, she relocated to Essex, CT, where she raised her two daughters, Bethany and Robin. She attended University of Hartford, earned a master's in education and built a decades-long career as a guidance counselor.

With deep caring for and dedication to her students, Arlene would impact thousands of young people at Deep River Elementary, John Winthrop Junior High, and CCRI. She received countless letters and emails over the years thanking Arlene and recognizing her influence.

Her impact on young people extended well past school settings to the role she cherished as Grandmother to Christopher and Benjamin, who knew her fondly as, "Gee". Her influence on them is a poignant reminder of the legacy she leaves. And no memorial would be complete without a mention of Arlene's

affection over many years for her cats, especially Margo, Lucy and, of course, Gracie.

Arlene enjoyed gardening, shopping, reading, book clubs, UConn Girls' Basketball and Willie

Nelson. She was passionate about giving back, volunteering her time with the RI Community

Food Bank. Known for her sharp, analytical mind and strong opinions, she especially loved

talking Politics.

Arlene is survived by her children, Bethany Fall Sawyer (Sandy Sawyer) of Bonita Springs, FL

and Robin Fall (Angela Marlin) of Dallas, TX; her grandsons, Christopher Dieman, Benjamin

Sawyer (Sarah Sawyer) and Brasen Marlin; and her sisters, Beverly Barry (Bernie) and Dee

Richards, both of Cranston, Rhode Island. She is also survived by seven nieces and nephews as

well as many loving friends.

Arlene was an extraordinary woman and will be forever missed. A private service for Arlene will

be held later this summer. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank'

To sign her guest book or leave online condolences please visit www.Shikanyfuneraome.com

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