



Arleen Phyllis Volat

January 29, 2016

Obituary of Arleen Volat

Arleen Phyllis "Sarge" Volat, 74, left us on January 29, 2016 from a fierce battle with renal disease. Born in Charleston, SC, Arleen spent most of her childhood with her parents, Morris and Gertrude Newman, in the Bronx and Floral Park, NY. She spent her later childhood in Whitestone, NY and graduated from Bayside High School. Her favorite memory was enjoying her summers at the Suskin Bungalow Colony in Kiamesha Lake, in the Catskills. She always wished for her children to have that same experience, but the YMCA served as an alternate for her children's summer camp adventures. She raised her children in Hollywood, FL, but found a sweet little town called "Lady Lake" while on a motorcycle trip through Central Florida. Moving there in 1986, she started out on 5 acres on Little Dirt Road, with two horses, two dogs and rabbits. She must have channeled Little House on the Prairie while living this lifestyle for almost 20 years. Arleen worked for Sears as the head cashier for 17 years and after her husband passed in 2005, she left Little Dirt Road and found respite at a wonderful community in Lady Lake called Water Oak. Her son, Lonny, moved in with her and they both gave unsurmountable volunteer time with the video library, as the WOCSATreasurer and as a member of the Water Oak Veterans Auxiliary and Singles Club. Moving into this community in her later years was truly a blessing, not only getting her out of her introverted shell, but Lonny's as well.

Arleen was widowed by her late husband, Tzvi-Herschel Volat, survived by her brother, Alan L. Newman (wife, Fran Newman); three sons, Lonny S. Volat, Adam B. Volat (wife, Shelley) and Jonathon A. Volat (wife, Joscelyn); daughter, Debra B. Belton (husband, Robert L. Belton); stepdaughter Michol Cortez (husband, Luis); foster son, Reggie Solomon (wife Lisa Solomon); grandchildren, Jennifer A. Belton, Shaina Rae Belton, Luke Morris Belton, Kai Volat, Braedon and Arabella Cortez, Corey Cook and Alexis Cocciardi; and great grandchildren, Mason and Bodhi McHaffie.

Arleen will be buried next to her late husband, Herschel, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Arleen's favorite saying, at least to her children on a daily basis, was "It's not necessary", and the children are honoring her tagline by appropriately providing a graveside service that will commence at 11:00am on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Her dear friends at the Water Oak Community will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Arleen, date TBD.

Arleen's last passage in her memoir, written in December 2009, was "I wish all my children to have success and happiness in life. I am happy that I achieved happiness in my life, that I have made some contribution in this world."

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Rest in Peace*

Linda and Bill Cook - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *We were saddened to hear about Arlene's passing. A great involved lady and a big loss for her family and Water Oak. Always willing to help in any way. She will be sadly missed . RIP.*

Don & Roberta Ward - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Arleen was so important to our community. She always did so much. She's been missed since she first got sick. This was a beautiful tribute to her. We wish all of her family peace.*

Perry & Gail Olyer - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *To Arlene's family, She was a dear friend who always went above what was asked of her. I feel lucky to have known her for 10 years and happy to call her friend. I will never forget "Martini time". Love to you all.*

Sandi Starnner - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Arleen Phyllis Volat*

Nancy Kelly Michael Kelly's mom - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ It was a pleasure to have been a friend for the past 9 years. You were a driving force in our community and I as well as Water Oak will sincerely miss you . RIP Arleen.

Marie Frontario - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I hope you find peace and comfort during this hard time. I enjoyed reading about your Mom. From reading about her it seems that she had a beautiful heart and lived a great life. Love, Michelle Touchstone

Michelle Touchstone - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Adam, what a wonderful obituary! You are truly a tribute to your Mother, with your kindness, your humor and your work ethic. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Jackie Johnson - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

V8

“ Sympathies to the Volat family. Love Vanessa Gilyard

Vanessa Gilyard HHH c/0 87 - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I lost my Mom on 3/2/2009, and I remember how empty that day felt after she had passed. As the days went on, I would see a Cardinal, mom's favorite bird. Then I would see a red rose, mom's favorite flower. A month passed and one of her friends called from the post office where she worked and another, and another, they all told me stories of how wonderful Mom was. It was very comforting. Now as I go through every day, I feel mom in my heart as if she is watching over us. Though Mom and Dad are departed from us, they live inside our hearts. The greatest legacy our parents left of their lives is their children. As I do not know Adam's siblings, I do know Adam. Adam is a great person, and I true testament to the lives of his parents, especially his Mom. As this is something I know for fact, I would be led to believe that is true of his siblings as well. I do believe that from what I remember of a conversation I once had with Adam's Dad. My deepest sympathy to the Volat family. May your mom rest in God's loving hands.

Mike Brand - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Such a loving tribute, one of the very best that I have ever seen for a very special person and one of the pillars of the Water Oak Community. She will be missed....

Ray Dierker - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ ###GESTURE###

Nancy Kelly Michael Kelly's mom - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I along with family and friends look forward to the happy day when those we miss awaken from their sleep. During this wait may the God of all comfort send his peace during this difficult time.

Regina Bozza - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Arlene passing , Very nice lady & friend,

June Death - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM