

Arlene R. (Fisher) Miles

Arlene R. (Fisher) Miles was born July 18, 1935, in Jefferson City, MO, the daughter of Arlington K. and Harriette S. (Stroh) Reed. In 1938, she moved with her parents to Glendale, MO, then in 1948 to Evanston, IL, and in 1951 to Mankato, MN. She completed her high school education in Mankato, graduating with the class of 1953. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1957 with a degree in Mass Communication. Arlene married Charles W. Fisher June 22, 1957. They moved to New Jersey where they were both involved in the retail clothing business. In 1960, they returned to Mankato where Mr. Fisher took over management of Fisher Clothing, a family owned men's retail clothing store. They continued with this business until Mr. Fisher's death in August of 1979. Arlene and Philip Miles were married March 16, 1985, in Mankato. They continued living and working in Mankato until their move to Prescott in 1989. This had been their home since, except for living in Princeville, Kauai, from April 2002 until July of 2003, when they returned to Prescott.

In addition to being a housewife and mother, Arlene worked in Fisher clothing, then later as an Administrative assistant for an electronics firm and then in Taxpayer Assistance for the Treasury Department. In addition, Arlene always found time to be involved in leadership roles with a number of community and church organizations. After Arlene and Philip moved Prescott in 1989, she worked for the Prescott National Forest until her retirement in 1997.

Arlene enjoyed traveling to explore different cultures and meet new people. Her love of life and zest for living were evident in her collection of new friends whenever she went. Arlene was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2003 and had undergone extensive chemotherapy since that time. Her death came December 7, 2004 at home under the care of YRMC Hospice Program.

A Memorial Service in honor of Arlene's life was held December 11, 2004 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott. Graveside services and Interment will be held, Saturday, May 14, 2005 at 11:15 AM at Riverside Cemetery, Riceville, IA.

Arlene is survived by her husband, Philip, her two children, Bruce and Teresa Fisher, of Shoreline, WA and Jana and Gary Davis and their children, Tyler and Alexa of Eden Prairie, MN. Also surviving are three stepchildren, Douglas and Lisa Miles, and their children, Sara and Connor of Albuquerque, NM, Donna Miles and Joe Savage and their children, Jo Katie, David and Alexandra of Gentry, AR and Nicole Miles and Jim Coggins and their son Wyatt of Bella Vista AR and a brother John Reed, Duluth, MN.