



## Arlene L. Brunelle

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Our Mom, Arlene Lillian Brunelle, age 94, went home to be with the Lord on July 21, 2020. She was born on June 16, 1926 and grew up in the small town of Barnstead, NH with her mother Edna (McDuffee), father Albert MacPherson and 9 brothers and sisters. She remained very close with her family in her adult years, spending weekends at the family farm where everyone would gather to spend precious time together for barbecues, conversations, and swimming in the small pond down the old country road. So very many wonderful memories filled with laughter and love.

She married Robert J. Brunelle, DC and happily raised 4 daughters; Donna Berry, Leslie Brunelle, Denise Alenskis, and Renee' Sirois and husband Jon-Pierre. She leaves five grandchildren, Ryan Berry and wife Stephanie, Nicholas Alenskis and wife Dani, Courtney Tiziani and husband Michael, Brandon Sirois, and Brittany Sirois. She also leaves one great grand-daughter Genevieve, her sister Ruthie and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our mom had a zest for life and more than anything enjoyed being a mom. She was strong and resilient, teaching us love, patience and happiness from within. She continued to teach us many life lessons that we will always cherish.

Mom was a quiet, sweet woman who loved the ocean. As kids, we spent many summer days at the beach with close family. Mom would round us up, pack a picnic lunch and snacks and head off to Rye beach. We would spend from early morning until the sunset enjoying the ocean with our cousins.

We would often hear her singing while she was doing housework. Her song was sweet like a nightingale. Some of her favorites were Rosemary Clooney, the Andrew Sisters, and Doris Day. As a teenager she and her sisters would sing for the local radio.

She made our home a happy place to be. She was a wonderful cook, baking amazing meatloaf and delicious spaghetti and meatballs. She hand-made many of our dresses and was always there for comfort if we skinned our knees or just needed a hug. When we were little children, our afternoon story-telling and nap time often became nap time for mom! As we grew into adults not only did she continue to be a devoted mom but became a friend and confidant guiding each one of us through the challenges of life.

Later in life, her spirituality grew. She loved reading spiritual books that would give a calming insight to the meaning of life. We would talk for hours about the purpose of our lives and our individual paths. We hold these cherished memories so close to our hearts.

Her mind was sharp. She would often share stories about growing up in the depression recalling historical events of WWII, USO dances and how families felt when JFK was assassinated, all with emotion that made you feel as though you were there. Although her family did not have a great deal of money, they had a farm with fresh vegetables and farm animals so they never went to bed hungry. There was always happy music in their home as her father played several musical instruments and was a member in a local band. So many times she would talk about the fun years she and her siblings had while growing up.

When our mom moved to assisted living she met Henry (Perk) Perkins. Perk would pick her up at her room and together they would take long walks inside and outside of the home. Their relationship became very close, spending the majority of their time together. It was here toward the end of her life that she fell in love a second time. They did not like being apart.

Our mom did not choose a traditional funeral or celebration of life that most of us know. This comes as no surprise as our mom was a very quiet and humble person. She taught us all so very much about the true meaning of life. We will continue to feel her presence with us always, watching over us and helping to guide us as she always has until we go home to join her.

Arlene, known to many as Nana, wore sky blue beautifully and had a fascination for nature. She lived her life with curiosity, deeply rooted with her spirituality. We will miss her smile so very, very much. Remember our mom with her laughter and zest for life that would light up a room. As the saying goes, "they don't make them like that anymore;" and even in contemporary times, it would take a remarkable woman to walk a mile in her flip flops.

In lieu of flowers or donations please pay it forward with acts of kindness towards others,

for these are the rules that our mom lived by.

# Comments

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“ We are so saddened to hear about your Mom's passing. We had only met her twice, but could tell she had a zest for life and a beautiful heart. Our fondest memory was seeing her at 90 years old, hopping into a kayak and heading out onto the lake with Renee. We have a hard time getting in gracefully, and always wondered how she did it! Praying for all of you during this difficult time.  
Kevin and Renee Kinney

Renee Kinney - July 28 at 07:19 PM

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“ Our memories are and will always remain the biggest part of my heart Mom. Then you welcomed my son, his wife and now his daughter into your heart with all the love that I've received my entire life. The abundance of love in your heart has wrapped four generations and continues forever and ever, from you through us. What an infinite and precious gift you've given. My favorite was this past December when you were able to see Gigi perform in the Nutcracker ballet. With her blowing kisses to you during her performance just simply melted my heart as yet another generation has shared in your love, and now spreading the same love as you have taught us. Love you always and forever



Donna Berry - July 25 at 07:41 PM

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“ Mom,  
You have been and always will be an inspiration to me. I have learned so much from you and feel so honored and privileged to be your daughter. You are a remarkable woman!  
I will always hold the wonderful memories we've shared together close to my heart. I feel you close guiding my path and know that you will never be far. I love you mom with all my heart.  
You're Little Renee'

Renee Sirois - July 25 at 07:23 PM

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“ Donna words cannot express the sorrow Chip and I feel for your families loss. She sounds like a great lady and someone that will definitely be remembered.

Chip and Sue Lawry

Susan Lawry - July 25 at 05:08 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Renee Sirois - July 25 at 04:55 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



JP - July 25 at 04:36 PM

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“ Nana, we have shared many memorable moments with each other that I will carry with me forever. I'm sure you all will appreciate this little story. So Nana loved nature and the outdoors. She had a true wonder in all the beauty that God has created for us. Up to the age of 92 she would insist on carrying one end of the cooler when going to the beach and would sit in the front of the tandem kayak with Renee at sunrise up at the lake house watching the Loons and Ducks. It was also a given that her place was to sit in the front seat of the truck with me when we drove and we would gab and gab and gab. One day when driving back from the far corner of VT and Canada, next to the NH border, traveling 2 1/2 hours west at sunset time to St. Albans VT, we saw 8 (eight) sunsets as we travel up and over each mountain range. We counted each one surprisingly and with gusto after seeing the second one. It was almost like a game to see how many we could see and counted each one in unison together. When we got to the crest of the last mountain, we coasted down over looking a panoramic view of Lake Champlain seeing the last sunset for miles over the Adirondak mountains. I looked over and saw her with a gleaming smile soaking it all in. I'll always carry your love of the simple beauty of nature with me. You loving Son-

in-law, JP.

JP - July 25 at 03:56 PM

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Denise Alenskis - July 25 at 12:29 AM

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Denise Alenskis - July 24 at 07:53 PM

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“ Mom,  
You're not only my mom, you are my best friend. You have given me so very many memories....the laughter, the tears, the adventures, the long talks. You are my guiding light, my strength and my inspiration. Although I can no longer physically touch you, your heart and soul will remain with me for eternity.  
I love you forever and always,  
Denise



Denise Alenskis - July 24 at 07:51 PM



“ Love this picture Denise. I also loved your Mom so very much . I felt an instant connection with her naturally , as she was such a warm & caring person. She touched my heart in so many ways . I will always hold close the precious memories over the years. I know she will always be with you Denise . She is at Peace now in her eternal rest ..



“ All of our prayers are with you. It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember.

During our time here you meet certain people that leave a lasting impression, for our family it was Arline. When Arline shared the first room with my mom it was a hit, mom found a new friend. It was great to see the way they looked out for each other, be it going to the dining room together, or exercise class.

I visited Arline whenever I could, she would always ask me 'How did you find me". I would bring her a treat, she seemed to enjoy our visits. I'm sure Arline didn't realize it, but the visit with her was something I always looked forward to on the weekend. She was great woman, and the Bradley's will miss her very much.

Rest in peace, I know your friend was waiting for you with open arms. XOXO



Joe Bradley - July 24 at 04:54 PM

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“ Great pictures of nana!!!

Brandon Sirois - July 24 at 07:30 AM

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JP Sirois - July 23 at 08:18 PM

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JP Sirois - July 23 at 08:16 PM

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“ Beautiful obituary, mom. I remember going to York, Maine every summer with her and having campfires and barbecues up at the camp. I will miss her so much and so happy that she's up in heaven now and so loved by friends and family.



Brittany Sirois - July 23 at 08:13 PM

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“ Even though I only knew Nana briefly at the end of her time on earth, she was such a beautiful and pleasant soul to be present with. I loved our FaceTime calls. She always had a smile on her face. Rest In Peace Nana, we love you!

Grace Johansen - July 23 at 08:08 PM

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“ Beautiful obituary, mom. I remember her going to York, Maine every summer and going snowmobiling up at the camp and having a hot dog around the camp fire. I will miss her so much and so happy that she's up in heaven now and had such a wonderful life surrounded by friends and family.

Brittany Sirois - July 23 at 07:48 PM

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“ Nana was something else! When you mentioned her zest for life it reminded of me of one of my favorite memories of nana rollerblading outside with Brittany and me. She was like 80 then!! I will miss nana so much, she was a very sweet, happy, and kind person. She will live forever in our memories.

