



Arlene Spedden

December 15, 1935 - December 2, 2025

Arlene Spedden, 89, of Chester, MD passed away peacefully on December 2, 2025 in her home.

Arlene was born on December 15, 1935 in Baltimore. When in middle school, she moved to Cambridge, MD, where she met her future husband, Maurice, whom she married in 1956.

In high school Arlene studied business, and upon her graduation from Cambridge High School in 1954, began working for Alfred and Lawrence Maryanov, where she received training as a nurse. Arlene was a woman of quiet faith who used her gifts in service to others. As a medical professional and later as a church secretary serving the congregations of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA and Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, Arlene was able to blend her faith with her life's work.

Arlene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who spent many hours cooking for, playing with, praying for, and gently guiding those that she loved. Moreover, Arlene was a loyal and steadfast friend whose commitment to others was inspiring.

Arlene spent summers vacationing at the beach, visiting the pool, and crabbing with her family. In addition to her passion for the water, Arlene had a creative side, which could be seen in her waterfront sunset photographs, in

her special poetry, and in her beautiful floral arrangements. In addition to her creativity, Arlene's unique sense of humor never ceased to bring joy and laughter to others.

Arlene will be deeply missed, but her legacy lives on in the lives of those that she loved, in the charities that she supported, and in the life lessons that she taught through word and deed.

Arlene is survived by her husband of 69 years, Maurice; children Gary Spedden (Suzie) and Missy Darling (Ernie); grandchildren Megan Spedden, Ashley Genova (Brent), Bryan Darling (Jess), and Zachary Spedden; great grandchildren Penny, Colton, and Jackson. Arlene is predeceased by her parents Albert and Sylvia Sears and her son, Ron Spedden.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD and on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Kent Island Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Kent Island Methodist Church with interment at Spedden-Seward Cemetery, Cambridge, MD later that afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kent Island Methodist Church, P.O. Box 308, Chester, MD 21619 or Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kent Island Methodist Church
2739 Cox Neck Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kent Island Methodist Church
2739 Cox Neck Road
Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arlene Spedden* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 08, 2025 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ *Condolences to Missy, Ernie and family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



Butch & Sally Coursey - December 09, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SB

“ *Staff of Shore United Chester Branch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Spedden.* ”

Staff of Shore United Chester Branch - December 09, 2025 at 11:02 AM

SB

“ *Staff of Shore United Chester Branch purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Arlene Spedden.*



Staff of Shore United Chester Branch - December 09, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MP

“ *We will be keeping your family in our prayers in this time. Mrs. Spedden was such a gentle and kind soul. She will be missed. We celebrate her life and rejoice with you in her homegoing and eternal healing. Blessings and Peace, The Eric Plumlee Family*

Mandi Plumlee - December 09, 2025 at 08:23 AM

BS

“ *Beverly & Phil Era And Wally Spedden lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



Beverly & Phil Era and Wally Spedden - December 08, 2025 at 07:22 PM

GM

“ *Ginny Moran lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



Ginny Moran - December 08, 2025 at 07:22 AM

KK

“ *Katie K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Spedden.*

Katie K. - December 06, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene Spedden.*



December 05, 2025 at 11:43 AM

KW

“ *Kellie Barker, Breezy and Al Waters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Spedden.*

Kellie Barker, Breezy and Al Waters - December 05, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DL

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of Miss Arlene. She was such a wonderful woman. I have known her since she was the church secretary over 30 years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with Maurice and the family.*

debbie Lake - December 03, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JS

“ *Jane Sparks lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



Jane Sparks - December 03, 2025 at 03:09 PM

AR

“ *April Rieken lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



April Rieken - December 03, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KB

“ *I'm saddened to hear of the loss of Mrs. Arlene. She was a special lady, so caring and thoughtful. Sending prayers of comfort to Mr. Spedden and family.*



Kristin Bennett - December 03, 2025 at 09:30 AM

CD

“ *Cindy Dill lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



Cindy Dill - December 03, 2025 at 07:31 AM

RB

“ *Randi Sobolesky Shore United Bank lit a candle in memory of Arlene Spedden*



Randi Sobolesky Shore United Bank - December 02, 2025 at 07:29 PM