



## Arline B. Mickle

March 26, 1936 - October 23, 2023

Arline Borfitz Mickle

Arline passed away at home surrounded by her family on Monday October 23, 2023. Arline was born in Catskill NY on March 25, 1936 to Harmon B Borfitz and M Helen Winfield. She was raised in Ballston Spa, Kingston, and Athens NY.

Arline was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Byron Strobel, grandson Aaron Gotebiowski, nephew James Palmateer, niece Sharon Van Nostrand, and her sister in law Kathryn Palmateer.

Arline is survived by her husband of 68 years Edward W Mickle, her daughter Diane L Mickle (John Gotebiowski) of Catskill NY, son Edward J "Duke" Mickle (Diane Del Chiaro) of Manchester TN, her brother Harmon Borfitz (Michael) of The Villages FL. Also grandson Edward D Mickle (Victoria) of Tullahoma TN, granddaughter Jennifer L Martinez (Joe) of Jacksonville FL, Kristin Gotebiowski (Ashley) of Niskayuna NY, great grandchildren Olivia and Wesley, nieces Nancy Hausheer, Susan Cotter, Deborah Borfitz, Tammy Hughes, Sharon S Palmateer, and nephews Tim Borfitz, Jared and Jason Hughes.

Arline was a dedicated member and former consistory member of the First

Reformed Church of Athens for 69 years and was a member of the choir for many years. Arline's church community was important in her life.

Arline was a devoted wife and mother, loyal friend and member of the AFD WC Brady Auxiliary, long-time member of the Sunny Hill "Loose-Ladies" golf league, and a past member of the Athens Garden Club and Rivertown Senior Apartments Board of Directors. She worked in the education system for 30 years and retired from the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District Office in the mid-1990s. Ed and Arline enjoyed traveling, especially to spend time with family in Arizona, Tennessee, and Florida.

She looked forward to reunions with her Borfitz family, and enjoyed celebrating life with those around her. Arline greeted all with a smile, and was known for her generosity and welcoming spirit. She could often be found sitting on her front porch during little league season, and enjoyed all who stopped to visit.

Her strength and tenacity were evident until the end.

For those wishing to pay their respects, visitation will be Thursday, October 26, from 12 to 2 pm at the First Reformed Church, 18 N. Church Street, Athens, NY, with a service immediately following. Interment will be in the Old Athens Rural Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Community Hospice and the Eddy Visiting Nurse and Rehab Association for the dedicated and compassionate staff that provided care for Arline.

Those wishing to make a contribution in lieu of flowers can consider donations to the First Reformed Church of Athens or the Columbia-Greene Community Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, N.Y., 12015.

Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Old Athens Rural Cemetery

16 North Church Street  
Athens, NY 12015

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
18 N. Church Street  
Athens, NY 12015

## Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
18 N. Church Street  
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# Tribute Wall

MM

“*MaryAnn Murphy lit a candle in memory of Arline B. Mickle*



MaryAnn Murphy - November 01, 2023 at 05:27 AM

MM

“*Ed and family, so sorry for your loss. Arline was a dear friend to me and my family. Oh how we laughed when I would visit her and Ed on the porch or stop in with my dad. I loved her stories and spirit. She was a beacon of love and grace. Her light still burns bright.*

MaryAnn Murphy - November 01, 2023 at 05:27 AM

CC

“*Eddie, Diana & Duke. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. I am proud to have been able to call Arline a friend for over 70 years. Rest in Peace Arline. God is with you. You will be missed. Clancy & Ann Colwell*



Clancy Colwell - October 28, 2023 at 08:21 PM

DR

“*Ed, Diane, and Duke, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Arline was always a pleasure to see, and she was well-loved & beautifully cared for. I will miss our visits. You are all in my thoughts. ❤️ Denise (CH)*

Denise Roenfeldt - October 27, 2023 at 09:54 AM

DT

“ Oh, what fun we had playing golf together at Sunny Hill. Arlene, you loved life my prayers go out to Diane I know she will miss you terribly. Dottie True

Dottie True - October 26, 2023 at 04:57 PM

DR

“ My sincere condolences to the Mickle and Borfitz families. 'Greeting all with a smile, generosity, and welcoming spirit' certainly says it all. May the Lord bless you all now and always.

Dina (Pieruzzi) Ross - October 26, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RP

“ My condolences to the Mickle family. I enjoyed being a part of Arline's care team. May she rest in peace.  
Ruth Pelkey HHA

Ruth Pelkey - October 26, 2023 at 11:54 AM

CB

“ Claudia & Ray Bracaliello sent a virtual gift in memory of Arline B. Mickle



Claudia & Ray Bracaliello - October 26, 2023 at 08:41 AM

PC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Ed and family; the world has lost a beautiful soul.



Peter and Pat Coons - October 25, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LH

“ Diane and family our sincere sympathy for the loss of your mom. Linda Houghtaling and brother and sisters

Linda Houghtaling - October 25, 2023 at 01:18 PM

SF

“ Sharon, Matt, Ian and their families. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arline B. Mickle.



Sharon, Matt, Ian and their families. - October 25, 2023 at 11:20 AM

SF

“ Sharon, Matt, Ian and their families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arline B. Mickle.

Sharon, Matt, Ian and their families. - October 25, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arline B. Mickle.*



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October 25, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Condolences to the Mickel family. Arline was a great lady who always treated me like one of her own. May your wonderful memories of her bring you some comfort and peace in the days ahead.*



*Wendi (Tompkins) & Mike Carroll*

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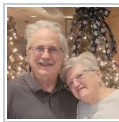
**Wendi (Tompkins) Carroll** - October 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Arline's family and all who loved her. Her passing is a tremendous loss. I will always remember her fondly.*

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**Jeffrey Baltes** - October 24, 2023 at 11:00 PM



*Ed Diane and family  
Our deeeeepest sympathy on your loss. Prayers raised for peace.  
Karen Becker Weisenburn and family*

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**Karen Weisenburn** - October 25, 2023 at 08:13 AM

BW

“ *Beffy Whige lit a candle in memory of Arline B. Mickle*



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**Beffy Whige** - October 24, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Arline B. Mickle.*



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October 24, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arline B. Mickle.*



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October 24, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arline B. Mickle.*

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October 24, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Arline B. Mickle.*



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October 24, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arline B. Mickle.

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October 24, 2023 at 03:26 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - October 24, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Richards Funeral Home Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Arline B. Mickle*



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**Richards Funeral Home Staff** - October 24, 2023 at 11:39 AM

RS

*We extend our deep sympathy to The Family of Arline B. Mickle during this trying time and throughout the days ahead.*

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**Richards Funeral Home Staff** - October 24, 2023 at 11:40 AM