



## Arlene Fisher

January 2, 2019

Arlene Fisher, 82, of Lancaster, a well-known Lancaster County artist, painted herself out of the picture on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. She chose to live out her end stage just as she had lived her entire life – the way she wanted. Diagnosed with multiple myeloma and amyloidosis she chose hospice in the comfort of her own home surrounded by an ever-present stream of family and friends. Her last days were spent at the Hospice & Community Care Center, Mount Joy. Both teams provided extraordinary care for which the family was grateful.

She is survived by William “Bill” Fisher, her husband of 62 years, her daughters: Ann Jungels and Mary Paton, grandchildren: William and Henry Jungels, Dylan (Claire) and Elizabeth Paton, her new great-granddaughter twins: Lydia and Abigail Paton, finally and not least by her cat, Pepper who instinctively knew to comfort her. Special thanks to her niece, Sue Ann Snodgrass who so faithfully visited weekly.

Arlene was born and raised in Lancaster, the eldest daughter of William and Dorothy Wiley, and sister to James Wiley (Sylvia) of Gettysburg, Dorothy “Dot” Snodgrass (deceased) and June (Tim) Hoover of Mechanicsburg.

Arlene graduated from McCaskey High School (1954) and attended Penn State’s Ogontz campus. She started her career at Lancaster Newspapers

where she met Bill who was a sports editor.

Arlene was first and foremost a talented, award-winning artist of Lancaster County farm scenes who exhibited at shows along the East Coast during the past 45 years. The Ocean City NJ Boardwalk Art Show named its Best of Show Award in her honor since she participated 43 years, longer than anyone else. She was past president and secretary of the Lancaster County Art Association, and a member of the Demuth Foundation, Historic Preservation Trust, Amos Herr Foundation, Lancaster Literary Guild, Lancaster Farmland Trust and Covenant United Methodist Church.

Arlene was a gifted raconteur with a love for antiques, jewelry, travel, crossword puzzles and friends. Her apple pies were beyond compare. Arlene always held a fondness for the “City of Light”; she and family members visited Paris numerous times. She and Bill traveled extensively, visiting a dozen countries. She told her daughters she wanted to be remembered for her “great legs and zest for life.” She will be, for that and much more.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a life celebration at 11:00 a.m. at Historic Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a new McCaskey High School art scholarship (note her name and address to Lancaster Education Foundation, 1020 Lehigh Avenue, Lancaster PA 17602). She lived her life like the Edith Piaf song: Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien. Try to do the same.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Historic Fred F. Groff  
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Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
<http://thegroffs.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Arlene Fisher*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 09, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Arlene Fisher*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I was so sorry to read about Arlene's death. I have many good memories of the two of you on our trip to Germany with the Friendship Force. May God bless you and keep you in His care. Thelma Pearson ( Mrs. Jack Pearson)*

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**Thelma Pearson** - January 22, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 14, 2019 at 03:34 PM

RA

“ Dear Bill & girls, What a lovely lady Arlene was. One of the girls babysat for Anne Louise who is now 50 & has 3 children of her own. AL loved to go to your home & see Arlene's paintings. We will always treasure the painting she did of our home on Valley Forge Rd. It has a special place in our new home at Homestead Village. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Fondly, Bob & Mary Anne Aichele

Robert & Mary Anne Aichele - January 12, 2019 at 11:05 AM

JR

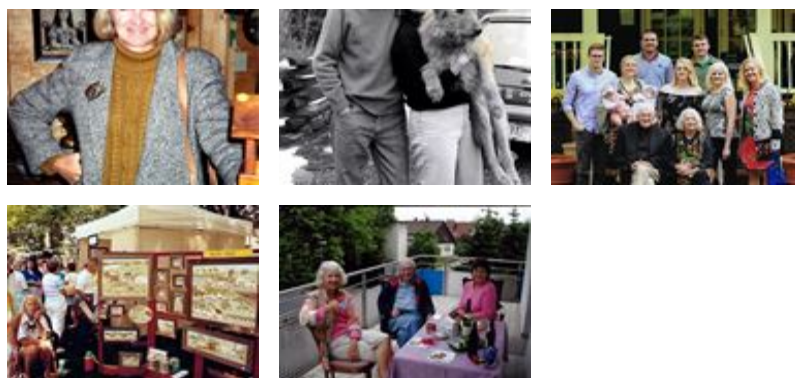
“ Thinking of you and your family, Bill. I remember the hospitality, graciousness and good humor of you and Arlene at Sunday News gatherings in the '90s. Peace to you.

--Jon Rutter

Jon Rutter - January 11, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 09, 2019 at 11:06 AM

AF

“ Arlene was a wonderful artist. I so enjoyed collecting nineteen of her cherished paintings over the years. The Open House was a tradition my mother, sister, and I looked forward to every year. She was also a pleasure to see at the Town Fair. Arlene will be greatly missed. She was a lovely woman!  
Anne Flynn

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**Anne Flynn** - January 08, 2019 at 02:59 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Arlene's passing. I have many of her paintings adorning my home. They make me so happy! She was a wonderful, talented woman, one I wish I got to know better. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Sincerely, Jennifer Stohr

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**Jennifer Stohr** - January 07, 2019 at 02:07 PM

GJ

“ Among many other things, I appreciated the fact that Bill always called her "Art" -- because not only did she obviously and lovingly pursue her art, but she also lived artfully, sharing a smile or a story, a laugh or a good line. I've always thought, and always will believe, that she and Bill were great examples of how to remain young at heart. All the best to the family, from myself, Barb and Ryan.

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**Gordie Jones** - January 07, 2019 at 01:02 AM

DW

“ I met Arlene at Mt. Gretna craft show and have 10 of her prints and originals. Also 4 of Bill's birdhouses. Always enjoyed her Open House. Felt like I was seeing a once a year friend.

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**Deb Werner** - January 06, 2019 at 04:46 PM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the fisher family . Sincerely  
Joann Kauffman*

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**joann kauffman** - January 06, 2019 at 03:58 PM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Bill and and family on the loss of  
Arlene. We have so many fond memories of of the times we spent  
together over the years, trips to Europe, New Year Eve at Media  
Heights and and other social gatherings. May she rest in peace.  
Mary and Cy Fritz*

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**Eugene Fritz** - January 05, 2019 at 12:26 PM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Bill and family. God Bless.*

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**Bill Brackbill** - January 05, 2019 at 09:52 AM

BF

*Thanks so much Bill-*

*Bill Fisher*

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**Bill Fisher** - January 05, 2019 at 03:52 PM

EB

*I am honored to have two of Arlene's original pieces in my home. She  
welcomed me into her lovely home and we chatted like old friends as I  
chose the pieces that I wanted, pet her beloved cat, Pepper and she  
shared information about each painting. My wish remains to purchase  
a bird house, the one item I didn't leave with on that wintery day. I  
extend my deepest sympathy to her family.*

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**Emma Bramble** - January 06, 2019 at 08:58 PM

JM

*Mary and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Bill and his dear family. We were blessed to have known Arlene and Bill through our involvement in the art and craft circuit. We have many pleasant memories of Arlene at so many craft shows in Media, Bel Air, Mt. Gretna, and Heart of Lancaster at Roots. Bill, you are so much in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim and Mary Martz** - January 11, 2019 at 06:39 AM

BH

“*Arlene was such a great friend of our family...she and my sister, Ruth, had many great times together and also with their other good friends....we always enjoyed her great personality and smile....she, Bill and family are in our thoughts and prayers*

*Bill and Karen Hobbs  
Pinehurst, NC*

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**Bill Hobbs** - January 05, 2019 at 08:51 AM