



Lorene Marie Cushing

April 29, 1919 - January 31, 2014

Lorene Cushing, age 94, of Topeka died at Aldersgate Village on January 25, 2014. She was born April 29, 1919, in Topeka, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Schulmeister. Lorene married Ed Aldrine, Sr., on September 8, 1938, who predeceased her in March 1954. She married Lloyd Anspaugh on October 23, 1957, who predeceased her in January 1986. After living 73 years in Topeka, she married a long-time family friend, Bob Cushing, on April 25, 1992, and moved to Prairie du Sac WI; where she remained until his death in March 2010. Lorene was also preceded in death by her parents and brother, Albert Schulmeister. Lorene was a union meat wrapper in many Topeka IGA stores in her younger years. While married to Lloyd, she became a true outdoors woman: hunting, fishing, and cooking wild game. She was a wonderful homemaker and an outstanding cook who assisted many who asked for her help in cooking. After raising three boys, she was thrilled to acquire four step-daughters and their children in 1992. After moving to Wisconsin, her new found friends converted her to a Green Bay packers fan. Upon returning to Topeka, Lorene became a member of Christ the King Parish. Survivors include her three sons: Fritz (Peggy) Aldrine, Dallas TX; Ed (Regina) Aldrine, Topeka KS; and Mike (Sharon) Aldrine, Leander TX; four step-daughters: Sharlene Zuhlke, Monroe WI; Barb (Rick) Gruwell, Lodi WI; Karen Cushing, Madison WI; and Joyce (Nathan) Brown, Marshal WI; five grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. A rosary will be prayed at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, at 6:00 p.m. Friday with visitation following until 8:00 p.m. Since being baptized, receiving First Holy Communion, and marrying Ed Aldrine, Sr., at St. Joseph's Church, Lorene requested that Mass of Christian Burial be celebrated there. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, at 11:30 a.m., with burial to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. The family wished to thank the staff at McCrite plaza, Aldersgate Village, and Grace Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion given to Lorene in her final years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Hospice, 3715 SW 29th Street, Topeka KS 66614, or St. Joseph's Church, 227 SW Van Buren St, Topeka, KS 66603.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lorene Marie Cushing*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ed & family; Linda and I were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing and we're thinking of you and yours in this difficult time. Although we never had the pleasure of meeting your Mom she had to have been one special lady to have had you for a son. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

Carrol & Linda Christian - February 05, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *Fritz, Ed, Mike and family and friends of Lorene: My condolences on the passing of Lorene. As a young high school student sacking groceries at Dyer's/Harry's IGA on 29th St. in Topeka, I remember a kind, smiling lady in the meat department. Be well- Warren "Cricket" Hummer, Grapevine, TX.*

Warren "Cricket" Hummer - January 31, 2014 at 05:43 PM



“ *Our condolences to all of Lorenas family. May God comfort and strengthen you. Very nice DVD on life of Lorene.*

Warren and Norma (Cushing) Jackson - January 31, 2014 at 09:30 AM



“ *Ed, Regina*

My condolences on the death of your mother/mother-in-law.

Joe Cronin - January 30, 2014 at 03:05 PM

SA

“ My Mother-in-law was like a mom to me, teaching cooking skills, helping with family get togethers, and just being there when I needed her for anything.

She was a funny person, good hearted, never looked down on anyone for any reason and had common sense beyond her years.

Lots of great stories about her, Lloyd and my Dad and Mom.

Lorene was a remarkable woman and I learned alot from her, I hope I can keep going like she did.

Sharon Aldrine - January 30, 2014 at 10:43 AM

RD

“ When our friend, Bob Cushing, married Lorene and brought her to Prairie du Sac, we became instant friends and we were together a lot all the time she lived here. As couples we would go out for fish on Friday nights and then go back to each others houses and play Triominoes and then have a dessert. Then lots of times we would go to our favorite place (The Press Box) and get numbers for the Packer games....and then on Sundays there would be other couples and we'd all get together and watch the game and see who would have the lucky numbers. Always, always, lots of good food and drinks. Just today, I found a little book from years ago that I had written numbers for Bob, Lorene, Marshall, Dick and Daisy. All the good memories I'll cherish forever!

Ruth Dresser - January 29, 2014 at 09:51 PM

BG

“ My step-mother Lorene Cushing was a wonderful woman. I am so thankful that the Aldrine family shared her with us. I never knew her first husband, but Lorene would talk about holding me at a union picnic when I was 9 months old or so; she was there with Lloyd Anspaugh a friend of Dad's (Bob Cushing). I remember stopping to visit Lloyd & Lorene in Topeka with Dad & Mom (Myrtle Cushing) many times; and remember them coming to visit us in Wisconsin. We did get her on a horse (Ginger) and would talk in later years about how she threatened Bob not to let go of the horse. I will miss the lovely, gracious woman that she was. She left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Barb (Cushing) Gruwell - January 29, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MW

“ Our condolences to Lorene's family including all the children, grandchildren, step-children and nieces and nephews. What a great DVD of Lorene and her life! May she rest in peace and may God grant peace and comfort to the entire family!

Mike and Dena Warneke - January 29, 2014 at 12:23 PM

ME

“ Love & prayers of comfort to all who loved & knew Lorene. Our hearts go out to you all but knowing she had such a long fulfilled life & is now in the "Arms of the the Angels" & with our Lord bring comfort ? (Wayne A. CUSHING's youngest daughter.)

Mary Epstein - January 29, 2014 at 09:15 AM

CA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Lorene Marie Cushing. I regret that I never got to meet her but have heard only good things about her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love from, Carol Cushing Altman and family*

Carol Cushing Altman - January 29, 2014 at 08:51 AM

RS

“ *We have many fond memories of Lorene. Ray worked with Lorene at IGA. She was a very good worker and also a great cook. She was always so friendly and gracious. Our deepest sympathy. Ray and Roberta Stuke*

Ray and Roberta Stuke - January 28, 2014 at 07:15 PM

BH

“ *Nancy and I will keep you in our prayers in this time of loss. Aunt Lorene was always kind to both of us.*

Bud/Nancy Head - January 28, 2014 at 12:56 PM

FD

“ *Fred and I wanted to send our sympathy; we always enjoyed Lorene when she and Bob visited Elma and Glen or when we traveled to art shows in Wisconsin.*

Fred Cairns/Kathy Dawson - January 28, 2014 at 12:10 PM

SL

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Lorene's death. I remember her as a lovely and gracious woman. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Sharon Jones Laverentz - January 27, 2014 at 09:46 AM