



## Arlene Rose Cummings

December 14, 1936 - July 7, 2023

Arlene Rose Cummings (nee Mackey), 86, passed away on July 7, 2023, in Cranford, New Jersey. She was born on December 14, 1936, in Cranston, Rhode Island. Arlene was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, survived by her daughters Suzanne Cummings, Diane Cummings, and Kathleen Cummings. She is also survived by her granddaughters Keating Bartlett, Kendal Anne Neal, Alexandra Armstrong, and Emory Wilson, as well as her great-granddaughters Hailey and Allison Bartlett, and Adalynn Neal. Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Mulhern Cummings.

Arlene received her B.A. from Brown University and her Master's degree from the University of Rhode Island School of Education. She had a passion for education and dedicated her career to teaching. After marrying Tom and moving to Hudson in 1961, she taught elementary school students in Claverack and evening classes in English as a Second Language to recent immigrants. At the end of her career, Arlene shared her lifelong love for reading by teaching incarcerated individuals at the Hudson Correctional Facility.

Outside of her professional life, Arlene had a deep interest in genealogy and spent decades researching the Mackey family history, tracing her American ancestors back to the 17th century in New York state. Her extensive research

led to her admission to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2015.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, located at 110 Green Street in Hudson, NY, Monday July 17th. Visiting hours will be held from 10am to 1pm, followed by a burial at 1:30pm.

Contributions can be made to Scholarship America, an organization that supports educational opportunities for students.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

## Graveside Service

JUL 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

Cedar Park  
Hudson, NY

# Tribute Wall



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