

Charlene (Hayen) Arbach passed away in the quiet and peaceful presence of her family on December 12, 2025 in Florence, Arizona. She was born on December 22, 1947 to Charles and Olga Hayen in Parkston, South Dakota. She was the oldest of 5 children.

After graduating from Mitchell Senior High School in 1966, she attended Northern State University majoring in physical education and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree.

Char met her husband Charles and they were later married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, SD and remained together until her death. Char was a caring and inspirational person, her love of teaching led to her career at O’Gorman Senior High School in Sioux Falls, SD where she taught Physical Education, coached girl’s athletics and taught Sociology.

After moving to Wyoming, she began a second career as an Administrative Assistant to the President of the Wyodak Power Plant she later transferred to the corporate office in Portland, Oregon as Department Coordinator for the Vice President Corporate Secretary’s office where she provided administrative support for the Board of Directors. Char also provided administrative support for the company charitable foundation.

Charlene with her kind smile and warm heart had many interests including Youth Ministry, Eucharistic Minister, and Hospital Ministry. At the time of her death, she was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic church in Florence AZ. She and her husband loved traveling and spent their summers exploring the West coast from Mexico to Vancouver island of British Columbia Canada.

She was an active member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) with certifications for Professional Human Resources (PHR) and Certified Analytics Professional (CAP).

Char is survived by her husband Charles of 56 years and her children: Lee (Darcy) Queen Creek, AZ; Kirk, Portland, OR; Jay (Aimee) Volga, SD; Dana, Las Vegas, NV; 9 grandchildren, Tori, Dexter, Harrison, Bryce, Remy, Gavin, Teegan, Natalie, Kendyll; 2 great-grandchildren Lachlan and Symphoni.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Olga Hayen; a son Martin Hobbs Eureka IL sister-in-law, Myrna Hayen; brother-in-law, Terry Peters; niece, Peyton Raterman .

In Loving Memory



Charlene Arbach

December 22, 1947-December 12, 2026

VISITATION

St. Anthony’s Catholic Church
Hoven, South Dakota
9:00-9:45 am June 29th, 2026

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Father Brian Simon, Presiding
10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Father Brian Simon

MUSIC

St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Choir
Mary Lou Keller - Pianist
Canon in D - Ave Maria - One Bread, One Body
Song of Farewell - Let Ther Be Peace On Earh

LECTOR

Peggy Hayen-Weber

OFFERATORY

Kathy Kleman
Susan Peters

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Debbie Arbach

URN BEARER

Lee Arbach

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Dana Grant
Kirk Arbach
Jay Arbach

INURNMENT

St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Cemetary
Hoven, South Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Luce Funeral Home
Gettysburg, South Dakota

*A Mother
holds her
children's
hands for a
while...their
hearts forever*