



Kathleen M Arp

October 16, 1930 - January 24, 2026

Kathleen M. Arp, of Blacksburg, Virginia, died on January 24, 2026, after a long life of 95 years. She was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 16, 1930, to Henry and Helen (Schroeder) Schulte, the only daughter of four children. After graduating from Norway High School in 1948, she spent four years obtaining a Medical Lab Technology degree from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was married to her husband of 66 years, Leon J. Arp of Walford, Iowa in 1955.

Kathy and Leon (PhD) moved to Blacksburg in 1966 where they both worked at Virginia Tech while raising four sons. Kathy continued working as Lab Technician at VT until her retirement. Growing up she enjoyed playing Trombone and basketball. As she aged, she kept her competitive spirit and enjoyed playing cards with family, along with playing bridge amongst several local bridge groups. She will be remembered for her loving heart, her wonderful cooking, and her quick wit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon; her sons, William and Nicholas; her brothers, Richard and Robert Schulte, and in-laws LeAnna Schulte and Joseph Tuttle. She is survived by her sons, John(Cathy) and Joseph; along with eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Tom Schulte, and his wife June, as well as her in-laws Kenneth and Pat Arp, Regis and Barb Arp, Alan and Lydia Arp, Audrey

Tuttle, Shirley Schulte, and Marlene Schulte, all of whom reside in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg, with Father John Asare officiating, followed by a private burial at Westview Cemetery. The family will receive friends beforehand from 10:15 a.m. until Mass begins. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, Va.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1205 Old Mill Rd
Blacksburg, VA

Funeral Mass

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1205 Old Mill Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

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“ Boeing - BGRC team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathleen M Arp.

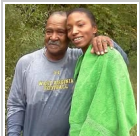


Boeing - BGRC team - February 03 at 08:11 AM

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“ Never met Mrs.Arp but I have a lasting memory of Leon. We met when my oldest daughter was being born in Radford Hospital.Late that night with only myself, Leon discussing the respirator he had perfected with a father with a recent newborn with problems . I was only an audience but marveled at the discussion. That was 55 years ago.

Tim Sweet - February 02 at 11:30 AM



“ I did not take care of Mrs. Arp. I did have the pleasure of caring for her husband. I remember her frequent visits. She was a sweet lady.

Tiffany Sherman - February 02 at 10:59 AM

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“ Dear John and Joe, and family,

Kathy was a dear friend to my husband and me . We so enjoyed both of your parents, first knowing them through St Mary's Catholic Church.

She always bragged about her boys and grandchildren.

But what I loved the most about her was her optimistic and jovial outlook on life , despite her confinement and health issues.

Her faith was an inspiration to me.

She never complained and was always appreciative of my visits.

May God be with you and give you comfort at this difficult time .

Sincerely,

Irene Butterfield

Irene Butterfield - January 31 at 10:19 AM

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“ *I was fortunate enough to take care of her at warm hearth she was a beautiful lady prayers for each in the family*

Ann poff - January 31 at 09:55 AM