

Arlene Brady, 80, Loved Tennis, Baking; Accomplished in Bridge, Mahjong; Giants Fan

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Arlene Himics Brady, 80, of Darien died on Jan. 7 after a short illness.

She was the beloved wife of the late John J. Brady Jr., to whom she was married for 31 years.

Born in Yonkers, New York on Feb. 3, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Rudolph and Anna (Soltis) Himics and sister to the late Richard Himics.

Arlene graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers. She made many life-long friends from Yonkers who reside both near and far.

Arlene worked as an executive assistant for several financial services and insurance companies. She started her career at General Foods, where she met her husband, Jack. She retired from SwissRE in 2011.

She became an accomplished bridge and mahjong player in her retirement, and never gave up rooting for the New York Giants. Arlene was an avid tennis player and enjoyed summer days at Darien's Pear Tree Point Beach.

She continued to bake pies and fudge for her large family celebrations, as recently as Thanksgiving 2023. She was a congregant at St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Arlene will be missed forever by her son John J. Brady III and his wife Alissa of Wilton, and her beloved granddaughter Colleen Brady of Storrs. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Diane Himics of Florham Park, New Jersey; Theresa (George) Marshall of Port Chester, New York; Agnes (Gerald) Orr of Southport, North Carolina; Marie (Henry) Gower of Newtown; and her brother-in-law Brian (Anne) Brady of Port Chester, New York.

She also is survived by nieces and nephews Robert Himics, Richard Himics, Sean Marshall, Katie Marshall, Patrick Orr, Theresa "TK" Brady and Charles Brady. Arlene will be missed by her two step-grandchildren Preston Gray and Willow Gray, and by Jack, the golden retriever who convinced her that cats aren't the only pets worth having.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 12 at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rye Brook, New York.

— [an obituary](#) from *Lawrence Funeral Home*, where online condolences may be left