



Darlene Marie Shepherd

September 15, 1934 - December 20, 2017

After a life filled with love and service to others, Darlene Shepherd died Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at Unity Point Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines following a short illness. Langkamp Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Oskaloosa is entrusted with cremation when her long-standing request for whole body donation could not be honored. Following private family burial in Forest Cemetery, Rev. Don Stribling will lead a celebration of her life and witness to the resurrection at First Presbyterian Church (405 High Avenue E) in Oskaloosa Iowa at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Memorial visitation with the family will take place at the luncheon following the celebration of life. She was born in the hospital at Perry, Iowa on September 15, 1934, as the youngest child of Amos Bush Siglin and Myrtle Louiza (Underwood) Siglin. She grew up on farms in the Woodward and Seymour, Iowa areas and was involved in the local Methodist Church, 4-H, and high school musicals. She married David Carl Shepherd of Seymour on April 20, 1951, in Des Moines on her parents' 25th wedding anniversary with her sister Marilyn as her attendant. She was a licensed practical nurse in the Oskaloosa area for many years and particularly liked working with older adults and cancer survivors. In 2014 she received a lifetime achievement award from the national Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network.

Darlene and Dave's life together was spent primarily in the Eddyville and Oskaloosa Iowa areas. For decades they attended many sports, music and drama events involving children and grandchildren. In later life travel including winter trips to the warmth of Florida were anticipated with joy, as long as her health allowed.

Darlene's children are Vickie (Jay) Kintzel, Tom (Cindy) Shepherd, Ann (Wayne) Rowland, Jana (Rick) Barnard, Robert Shepherd and Beth (Todd) Hartz. There are 18 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Marilyn Vanderlinden; a sister-in-law, Anita (Max) Rash and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Shepherd; sons-in-law Brian Hartz and Wayne Rowland; sister, Doris Holland and brother, Courtney Siglin, and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Crisis Intervention Services:

<https://www.stopdvsa.org/>, Mahaska County Homelessness Coalition:

<https://www.facebook.com/MahaskaHomeless/> or Iowa Network Against Human

Trafficking and Slavery: <https://iowanaht.org/donate-now/>.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Events

JUN **Celebration of Life** **10:30AM**

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First Presbyterian Church

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JUN **Visitation/Luncheon** **11:30AM**

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 30, 2018 at 06:38 PM



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Shawn Langkamp - January 08, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ God speed you ignoring and devoted servant of His. Martha Arizumi

Martha Arizumi - January 01, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ That is supposed to be Oh great and, not ignoring. Thanks, spellcheck!

Martha Arizumi - January 01, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ Aunt Darlene was very special to me. She looked after Mom after she moved to White Oaks assisted living in Oskaloosa and kept me updated on her. She offered me advice on caring for my husband after he had a stroke in 2015 and answered my questions for me as she had been in the same situation after Uncle Dave had a stroke several years prior and she understood my situation. She was a very caring person and loved the Lord.

Gloria (Holland) Pritchett - December 27, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ I knew Darlene when she came over to Norwich to play bingo. she loved to help people she was getting sister meals from a friend that was getting to much. she is going to be missed.



georgia binns - December 22, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ I have so many good memories of Darlene. I think my two favorites are when she made me strawberry soup for lunch one day, and when she went with me to Kansas City to see Beth Moore. We had such a good time that weekend. She had such a love for Christ and a desire to help others. I'm sure she's having her best Christmas ever WITH the Lord and Savior this year.

Debbie Doty - December 22, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Darlene's passing. She was a nice red hat sister.

Janis O'Lear - December 22, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ We got to know Dave and Darlene on November 14, 1954 when we had babies at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa. Their's was number 4 and ours was number two. We want to express our condolences to their families.
Marvin and Betty Bruxvoort

Betty - December 22, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ Im in shock to hear my friend died today we lived across the hall in inglenood n stayed friend s after i moved im in such a shock over this prays to her family

Betty stoddard - December 25, 2017 at 05:45 PM