



## Darlene Slagter

February 5, 1939 - November 10, 2020

Darlene Slagter, 81, of Oskaloosa, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Darlene Rae Slagter was born on February 5, 1939, at the Chillicothe home of her parents, Raymond Christopher and Dora (Van Ommen) Lamers. She attended country school and was active in 4-H as a youngster. In 1956, she won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1957. While in school, she worked as a secretary for Farm Bureau Insurance and continued to work there until her children were born.

Darlene married Harold Duane Slagter on May 10, 1963, at the Central Reformed Church. Before starting a family, Darlene and Harold babysat for several families in Oskaloosa, allowing parents to leave their children in capable hands when they took vacations. Darlene's faith and church were foundational and focal points in her life: she and Harold served as junior high youth leaders, and she served on the Congregational Life Committee. She also served as Vacation Bible School secretary/treasurer for 30 years. She and Harold served as custodians at their church for 17 years, and her capable kitchen skills gave her the title of "Queen of Funeral Luncheons."

Darlene was always looking for opportunities to serve, her leadership in 4-H led to her role as chairman of the Apple Pie Contest at the Southern Iowa Fair for 30 years, and in 2011, she and Harold were crowned Queen and King of

the fair. Darlene enjoyed helping others; she cleaned homes for many people that soon became her friends; she transported people to doctor's appointments and even served as a wedding coordinator on numerous occasions. Darlene also enjoyed relaxing at home and playing games and cards with family and friends. Gospel music concerts and car races were some of her favorite events early on, and in later years, her grandchildren's activities were always her priority.

And then there was the kitchen.....Darlene's favorite room in the house. She was happiest when she was creating a meal for her family or one to share with friends. She showed love for others by baking and cooking delicious treats; she made countless wedding mints and 10's of thousands of buns. The hardest part of being sick for her was her lack of energy to work in her kitchen. Darlene's life was one of service to others; she demonstrated her faith in all she did. But her faith did not only include acts of compassion and generosity; she warned her family against holding grudges and believed that forgiveness was one of the greatest acts of kindness.

Her family includes her husband Harold of over 57 years; her daughters, Teresa (Andre) Luyet of Sedalia, MO and Sharon Cunningham (Bob Arendt) of Oskaloosa; four grandchildren: Torri and Alec Luyet and Conrad and Jessica Cunningham; a sister, Betty Augustine of Oskaloosa and a brother, Gerald (Sue) Lamers of Earlham, IA; a brother-in-law, Irvin (Donna) Slagter of Oskaloosa; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, father-in-law, Jacob and Cena Slagter.

Private funeral services will be held for Darlene with Rev. Jon Nelson of Central Reformed Church officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, November 16, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are advised for attending this public event. The service will be available to view on the Langkamp Funeral Chapel's YouTube channel

Tuesday afternoon. Darlene requested no flowers be sent to her service; she requested memorial gifts be given to Mahaska County Law Enforcement Center or the Mahaska Health Foundation for the Serenity House.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
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Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - November 15, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Darlene Slagter*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Gary & Karen lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Gary & Karen** - November 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - November 16, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers for Harold and the rest of the family, and Darlene's many friends! There's a big hole there! Always willing to go the extra mile! Dianne Van Gorp

Dianne Van Gorp - November 16, 2020 at 09:56 AM

CM

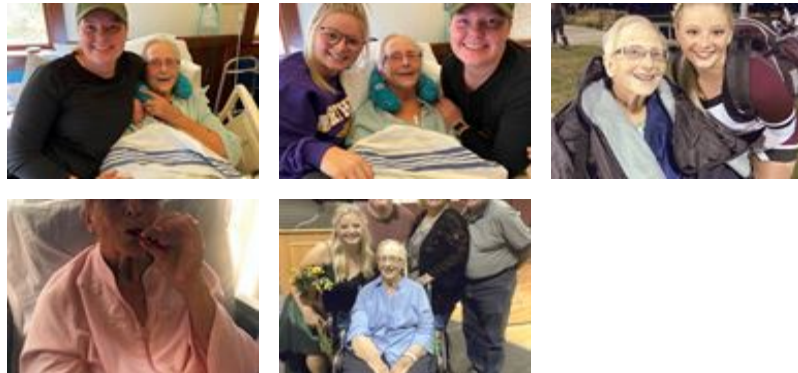
“ Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter



Cindy Mott - November 15, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - November 15, 2020 at 02:49 PM

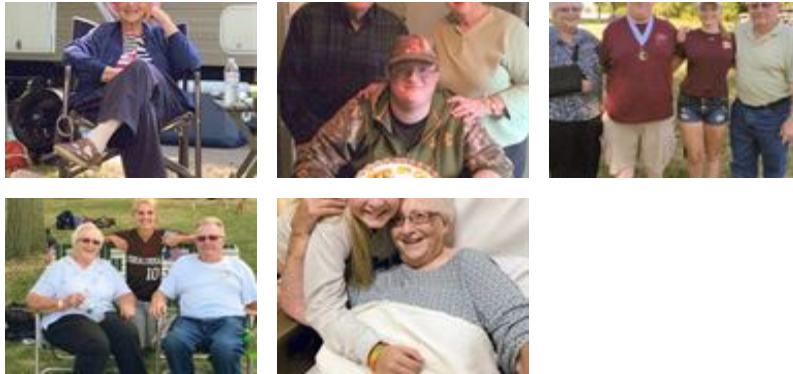
SA

“ *Darlene was a great race fan buddy. I will never forget her always in the front row at the Knoxville Nationals suite...Betting on each race and the chocolate cream cheese brownies.....so good. I will never forget her on Father's Day on the deck with the family and then doing dishes together. A life well lived. Rest in Peace. Love you, friend.*

Sandra Arendt - November 15, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *95 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - November 14, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JE

“ *Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



Jill Ewing - November 14, 2020 at 10:41 AM

CH

“ *My very deepest sympathies to Harold, Sharon, Teresa and your families. Your family bond is something to cherish. Darlene was a beautiful woman with many gifts and a giving spirit. She will be missed but will live on in so many memories. Peace to you all.*



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**Cheryl** - November 12, 2020 at 10:36 PM

IR

“ *Harold and family-so very sorry for your loss. You have many wonderful memories!*

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**Ila Ruby** - November 12, 2020 at 05:03 PM

AR

“ *Alan And Nancy Reed lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Alan and Nancy Reed** - November 12, 2020 at 04:10 PM

PJ

“ *Pat Jacks lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Pat Jacks** - November 12, 2020 at 12:48 PM

TM

“ *Tina Mosbey lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Tina Mosbey** - November 12, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Marty Burke lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Marty Burke** - November 12, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *I am so sorry, Darlene was such a wonderful person, she will be missed by many.*

*Marty Burke*

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**Marty Burke** - November 12, 2020 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ *Stacy Atha lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Stacy Atha** - November 12, 2020 at 10:10 AM

LV

“ *Lynne A Veldhuizen lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



Lynne A Veldhuizen - November 12, 2020 at 09:56 AM

JL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Darlene's family now and in the days to come! Darlene was a very special lady who touched so many lives!* 🙏



Judy & Larry Lewis - November 12, 2020 at 09:06 AM

JW

“ *When I think of my years at Central Reformed Harold & Darlene shine a positive light. It's gonna be a change cause they just go together. Thinking of all of you. I'm sure there's relief as the battle has been long but it's a new path now & she has left you all with some precious memories to embrace* 🙏❤️ *Sincerest Sympathy...Jayne*

Jayne Wake - November 11, 2020 at 11:11 PM

BE

“ *Beth Engelhoven lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



Beth Engelhoven - November 11, 2020 at 10:06 PM

BE

“ Harold and family , thoughts and prayers for all of you . Darlene was a good friend and mentor for all the activities I did at church with her . A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady !

Beth Engelhoven - November 11, 2020 at 10:05 PM

CA

“ So sad to hear this was thinking of her yesterday now I know why will miss her had great visits at lunch prayers to Harold and family

Carla - November 11, 2020 at 09:44 PM

MG

“ So many memories of Darlene over the 70 years we knew each other.....beginning with Sunday school and Catechism classes at church.....and then through the rest of our lives the friendship continued. Pray for God's peace and comfort for all of her family.

Mary Greenhalgh - November 11, 2020 at 08:33 PM

MG

“ Mary Greenhalgh lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter



Mary Greenhalgh - November 11, 2020 at 08:28 PM

KP

“ Harold and family, so sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful person, so kind and caring. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Karen & Jim Powell - November 11, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JF

“ *Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Darlene Slagter*



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**Jeff & Jill Ferguson** - November 11, 2020 at 07:53 PM