



Darlene Friese

August 9, 1931 - December 24, 2024

Darlene Friese, 93, of Chancellor, SD, passed away, December 24, 2024, at the Tieszen Memorial Home, Marion, SD. Darlene DeVries was born on August 9, 1931, on a farm near Chancellor, SD, the daughter of John and Ella (Hildebrands) DeVries. She grew up here attending rural school. On October 30, 1953, Darlene was united in marriage to Harold W. Friese, at Germantown Presbyterian Church. The couple farmed north of Chancellor, where Darlene was a devoted wife and mother and took an active role in the crop farming operations, as well as milking cows, raising pigs and caring for chickens. She also worked for 25 years at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, in house keeping and patient transport. Husband, Harold, passed away July 20, 2010. Darlene was a life long member of Germantown Presbyterian Church where she served as a Youth Leader and Singspiration Leader. She learned to play piano by ear, and played for numerous events and groups, including The Friese Family. She enjoyed cooking, baking, yard work, gardening, especially picking corn and canning. Darlene had a deep faith in God and dearly loved her family and friends. Besides her parents and husband, Harold, Darlene was preceded in death by all of her siblings: Marie Plucker, Elizabeth Hagena, Evelyn Symens, Andrew DeVries, Eddie DeVries and Merlin DeVries. Grateful for having shared her life are her five children: Darold (Shelly) Friese, Renner, LaNeil (Darrel) Bartell, Sioux Falls, Gayla (Jim) Wipf, Chancellor, David (Mitzi) Friese, Chancellor and Shelly (Kelly) Hansen, Irene; 13 grandchildren: Jessica (Eric) Aguirre, Amanda (Kyle) Bruender, Landon

(Cassie) Friese, Emily Wipf, Katie Wipf, Kali (Hunter) Kjose, Zach Wipf, Ariel (Joey) Gilsdorf, Josh (Karlee) Friese, Tessa Friese, Connor (Logan) Brown, Madison Hansen and Peyton Hansen; 16 great-grandchildren: Jacob Aguirre, Andrew Aguirre, Norah Aguirre, Olivia Aguirre, Easton Bruender, Kayden Bruender, Lily Friese, Liam Friese, Lyla Friese, Weston Kjose, Ellie Gilsdorf, Laken Gilsdorf, Kohen Friese, Jovee Friese, Larek Brown and Layna Brown; special friend, Annis Mechels, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 30, 2024, at Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor, SD with burial in the Germantown Cemetery. Visitation, also at Germantown Presbyterian Church, with the family present, will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may directed to the Union Gospel Mission, Sioux Falls or Gideon's International.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ My heart sank when I heard the news. I remember the huge pans of delicious brownies she would bake for our office, just because! She was a very special woman and my deepest heartfelt condolences go out to your family.

Randi Ayers - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ You gave our deepest sympathy. So sorry we werenâ€™t at her funeral. Didnâ€™t know she had passed until today. Darlene was a very hard worker and wife and mother. Most of all she loved the Lord and honored Him.

Ed and Marcia Kaltenbach - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ What a wonderful woman of God! Every Thanksgiving Iâ€™ve had as an adult has come second to the ones at the Friese farm. Nobody hosted Thanksgiving like her. She exuded kindness and generosity and will be greatly missed.

Jim Martin - December 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear the passing of your love one. God Bless You All



Mr/Mrs Ron Hossle - December 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Darlene, Doris and Delores are all singing the Christmas carols again. They were all such special friends.*



Delmer and Kathy Otten - December 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Darlene was just the sweetest lady around! She trained me as a new patient transporter with Sanford and the patients loved her. She had such a kind heart and it was a blessing to know her! Cierra Anderson (Ihnen)*



Cierra Anderson - December 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *darlene and harold were wonderful people. they treated me so nice knowing my step mother joyce smykle didn't even like me. they made a great impression on me so much so i married a farmer we've been married 50 years now . I thank god I knew them at such a pivotal age. they both will be missed. Gofd Bless you all Linda Hanson*

Linda (smykle) Hanson - December 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Blessings to your family as you celebrate the life of Aunt Darlene. We will miss her dearly!*

Kent Weeldreyer - December 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We are so sorry to read about your mom's passing on Christmas Eve. Your family is in our prayers.

Russ & connie - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Such a kind hearted Lady, with a warm smile that radiated LOVE

Rhonda Olson - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ so sorry your loss. you are in my thoughts and prayers

monica Pusch - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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Jim Martin - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ What a great life Aunt Darlene had and with such a loving family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of saying goodbye.

Lena & Tom Sanderson

Lena Sanderson - December 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ My thoughts and prayers with your families .Your mom touched so many people with her love and kindness. Growing up out on the farm your neighbors were always around with a helping hand. Darlene you will be missed dearly. RIP!!!



Tammy Nowak - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Darlene was one of the most thoughtful, caring, hardworking Christian woman I’ve had the pleasure to know. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they say “goodbye” and learn to move forward without her 🙏🙏 God bless.

Mitzi Drey - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM