



Darleen Narey

January 27, 1923 - May 28, 2018

Darleen Brewster Narey, a longtime supporter of families and children in Spirit Lake, Iowa, died surrounded by family on May 28 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She was 95.

Darleen had deep roots in Spirit Lake. Her parents owned a general store in town and she graduated from Spirit Lake High School, going on to Grinnell College and then Drake University, where she graduated with a degree in education. Darleen worked for United Airlines in Chicago during World War II and married her sweetheart, Peter B. Narey, when he returned from the war as an officer.

An active and committed member of the community, Darleen was an early promoter of the Head Start program, designed to help prepare young children for kindergarten, no matter their means. She was a founder of the Spirit Lake Hospital Auxiliary, and a co-founder of the Adult Education program in Spirit Lake.

Darleen worked to beautify Hill Avenue, was a longtime member of LBU, volunteered at the local school and was a mentor and counselor for many in the Spirit Lake area. And that was just the start. She left an indelible impression on her many friends and devoted family—and a line of beloved cats—with a wry sense of humor, strong sense of loyalty and unwavering faith.

Darleen is survived by her daughters, Nancy Wyatt (Richard Wyatt) and Sally Narey; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake on June 25 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital Hospice, 6500 Excelsior Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55440, or to the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa, 607 28th St., Milford, Iowa, 51351.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

2684 18th Street
Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
3501 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Darlene and her husband peter were the sweetest and dearest people. Prayers to their family.*

Susan clark - July 04, 2018 at 09:20 PM

MD

“ *Sending my sympathy to the family of Darlene she was always a great support for my sister Nancy and my family when we were going through struggles with Nancy may she rest in peace*

Mary k donovan - June 24, 2018 at 10:41 AM

LH

“ *Love, Cousins Debbie & David Hawkins purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Darleen Narey.*



Love, Cousins Debbie & David Hawkins - June 22, 2018 at 01:56 PM

TC

“ Although I did not go to School with and/or know Pete and Darleen's children, I had met Darleen through another dear friend of hers, Viola Andreas way back in the early 1980's. Darleen and Viola were lifelong friends and had a handful of mutual friends in common. Viola died in 2014.

Darleen was a kind and caring soul whom brought joy to anyone/everyone in her presence. My condolences to Darleen's family regarding loss of their dear Mother and loved one.

Sincerely,

Trent Caskey (Spirit Lake)

Trent Caskey - June 12, 2018 at 03:30 PM

DV

“ Dee Rae Vortherms sent a virtual gift in memory of Darleen Narey



Dee Rae Vortherms - June 04, 2018 at 03:56 PM

DV

Beautiful Lady, inside and out. So grateful for sharing part of my journey with her. Rest In Peace my friend.

Dee Rae Vortherms - June 04, 2018 at 03:58 PM

CT

“ *Connie Tatman sent a virtual gift in memory of Darleen Narey*



Connie Tatman - June 04, 2018 at 02:52 PM

CF

“ *Connie Tatman Fontenot lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey*



Connie Tatman Fontenot - June 04, 2018 at 02:51 PM

CW

“ *Connie And Bill Wymer lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey*



Connie and Bill Wymer - June 04, 2018 at 07:14 AM

CL

“ *Cindy Lilienthal lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey*



cindy lilienthal - June 03, 2018 at 04:27 PM

CL

Sally and Nancy I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful woman. She will be missed. Cindy Lilienthal

cindy lilienthal - June 03, 2018 at 04:31 PM

EN

*Nancy, Sally, and family,
We were very sorry to hear about your Mother. We really enjoyed knowing your folks. They did many wonderful things for our community!
Eric and Sally Nielsen*

Eric Nielsen - June 19, 2018 at 03:50 PM

PO

“ *My husband and I lived next door to Pete and Darlene in the condos on East Lake. Darlene and I had several wonderful coffee chats, where we discussed lake life, our pasts and our love of books. I so enjoyed talking with her! She had a keen mind and always wanted to know my thoughts. We communicated a little after she moved. Our stmpathies and prayers to all of Darlenes family. Patsy Ott-Pick and Bill Pick.*

Patsy Ott-Pick - June 03, 2018 at 01:47 PM

DR

“ *Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey*



Don & Jean Reed - June 02, 2018 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ *Sally, Nancy, and family,
I'm sorry to read of your Mom's passing. My parents, Albert and
Margaret Duhn, thought highly of your parents. Thoughts and
prayers are with you.
Marcia (Duhn) Morrison
Lebanon, Missouri*

Marcia Morrison - June 02, 2018 at 01:49 PM

RM

“ *Sally and Nancy and families, so sorry for
your loss. Cherish your memories, Our love
and sympathy .*



Reba and Alan Munson - June 01, 2018 at 12:43 PM

SH

“ *My sympathy goes to the family of Darleen, of
whom I have very fond memories. Rest in
peace.*



Sandy Haht - June 01, 2018 at 06:48 AM

MM

“ *Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of
Darleen Narey*



Mary McClurg - May 30, 2018 at 02:01 PM

LH

“ Darleen was one of the first ladies I met when I moved to the lakes. She was so gracious and welcoming. I will always remember her. Peace be with those who loved her and will miss her.



Laura Hanna - May 30, 2018 at 08:04 AM

SC

“ Sharon Caskey lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey



Sharon Caskey - May 30, 2018 at 06:27 AM

LJ

“ Larry And Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey



Larry and Mary Ann Jansen - May 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

DB

“ I'm sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Brooks



dayle brooks - May 29, 2018 at 12:48 PM

NM

“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Darleen Narey



norm meinking - May 29, 2018 at 11:55 AM

NS

when i met Darleen she took me under her wing and helped me at a very dark time in my life. She was always so positive. Never heard a negative from her. We kept in touch. I will miss her dearly. My prayers go out to all of her family.

Nancy E spinoza - June 04, 2018 at 09:31 PM