



Darlene Wallin

May 30, 1944 - April 11, 2026

Darlene Wallin, 81, of Spirit Lake passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake, IA.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at The United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Luncheon will be served after the Memorial Service at Wesley Place, followed by burial at Lake View Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Darlene Mae (Perkins) Wallin was born on May 30, 1944, in Spencer, IA, to Virgil and Estella (Dodds) Perkins. She graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1962 and graduated from Stuart School of Hairstyling in Sioux City, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Dennis Wallin on June 21, 1963, in Spirit Lake. Dennis preceded her in death on February 17, 2013. Darlene and Dennis lived in many towns in the midwest from Rapid City to Omaha to Spencer, IA. They returned to Spirit Lake in the late 70s and Darlene worked until her retirement at Spirit Lake High School as an administrative assistant in the Guidance Counselor's office, but most will probably remember her as the "Study Hall Monitor".

She was a member of The United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake and with Dennis was a charter member of the University of Okoboji Corvette Club. Together they had many years enjoying Corvette Rallies, the beach and boating in Venice, Florida and Okoboji. Darlene enjoyed lifelong friendships with classmates, though, her greatest joy was her grandchildren, spending time with them at theme parks, collecting sea shells and sharks teeth on the beach and making them blankets from the fabric department at Walmart. She loved Coca-Cola, anything nautical, decorating her home and chocolate treats or cookies with her morning coffee.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. Doug (Missy) Wallin of Viborg, SD; and Dan (Nicole) Wallin of Plattsmouth, NE; six grandchildren; Cody, Sam, Cheyenne, Sydney, Savanna and Grace and four great grandchildren: Maverick, Jayce, Finn, and Mia; and her sister Alice Von Holdt of Lake Park, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother David Perkins, and her son David Wallin.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

2684 18th Street
Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Memorial Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sympathy to the family, Kate and Bob Shaw*



Kate and I Bob Shaw - May 05 at 08:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.*



April 24 at 11:27 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Wallin.*

April 24 at 11:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.*



April 24 at 09:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Wallin.

April 24 at 09:24 AM



“ Tanner & Kayla purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Darlene Wallin.



Tanner & Kayla - April 23 at 09:16 PM



“ Tanner & Kayla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Wallin.

Tanner & Kayla - April 23 at 09:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.



April 23 at 03:57 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.



April 23 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Wallin.

April 23 at 12:07 PM



“ I have so many great memories of my second mom. Dan and I spent a lot of time together during our school years and Darlene was such a caring and loving person! The world has lost another good one with her passing. My prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time.



Scott Dean - April 23 at 08:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.



April 21 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Wallin.

April 21 at 08:05 PM

PN

“ *Darlene was a wonderful friend; she will be greatly missed. With sympathy, Peggy J. Nagel and Family*

Peggy J. Nagel - April 21 at 02:13 PM

PJ

“ *Peggy J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Wallin.*

Peggy J. - April 21 at 02:08 PM

BR

“ *Barb & Doug Ricke lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Barb & Doug Ricke - April 17 at 07:11 AM

LS

“ *Lee Ann Stransky lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Lee Ann Stransky - April 16 at 05:52 PM

ME

“ *Maxine Elser lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Maxine Elser - April 16 at 05:44 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Wallin.*



April 16 at 03:31 PM

RH

“ *Ronny Hartwig lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Ronny Hartwig - April 16 at 10:48 AM

RH

she was a good friend & classmate.

Ronny Hartwig - April 16 at 10:50 AM

TV

Darlene always had a smile and enjoyed conversations over the past years. Terry Veldman

Terry Veldman - April 21 at 11:17 PM

PT

“ *Paula Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Paula Krogman Tietz - April 15 at 09:47 PM

RS

“ *I first knew Darlene while she was a Carhop at my Uncle's drive in, I remember her being a Sweet Girl and lots of fun! RIP DARLENE, Thoughts and Prayers are with Her Family 🙏*



Ruth Shaffer-Albrant - April 15 at 07:38 PM

BR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Doug, Missy and kids. RIP Darlene*

Brett - April 14 at 07:29 PM

SC

“ *Darlene was a fun coworker at the high school. There were many stories and lots of laughs. So enjoyed knowing her. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

Sharon Crowley - April 14 at 12:35 PM

JN

“ *Jess And Marlys Nichols lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Jess and Marlys Nichols - April 14 at 12:27 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Brant lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Nancy Brant - April 13 at 11:38 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Krueger lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Kathy krueger - April 13 at 07:46 PM

BT

“ *Brent And Michelle Tifft lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Brent and Michelle Tifft - April 13 at 03:07 PM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Ray and Diane Tucker - April 13 at 02:06 PM

PR

“ Peggy Rick lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Peggy Rick - April 13 at 02:00 PM

MJ

“ Darlene was a fun lady. We remember the good times we had in Florida and recently in Accura.



mary A Jansen - April 13 at 12:13 PM

SD

“ Sorry for your loss. Darlene was a gem. Hugs and prayers to the family.

Sally DeLoss - April 13 at 11:56 AM

SH

“ Steve Hanson lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Steve Hanson - April 13 at 11:22 AM

SF

“ Darlene was such a wonderful person. She will forever be missed. Thoughts and Prayers to Alice and all her family.... Sandy Fodness



sandy fodness - April 13 at 10:53 AM

MP

“ Mavis Palmer lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Mavis Palmer - April 13 at 10:52 AM

MC

“ Martha And Gary Carlson lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Martha and Gary Carlson - April 13 at 09:32 AM

TM

“ Thomas Madigan lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Thomas Madigan - April 13 at 08:59 AM

KW

“ Deepest sympathies Doug and family. It was a long journey for your Mom and it gives comfort knowing she is safe in Heaven. GODs blessings 🙏

Kay Wilson - April 13 at 08:38 AM

ME

“ We are so sorry to hear of Darlene's passing. Please know we are thinking of the Wallin family and sending our deepest sympathy.

Marlyn and Nancy Ellis - April 13 at 08:04 AM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Beverly Atwell - April 13 at 08:02 AM

DD

“ *Doug & Kris Delaney lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Doug & Kris Delaney - April 13 at 05:54 AM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - April 12 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ *Hugs and prayers to you Alice and family...*

Sunny and Harold - April 12 at 07:44 PM

MB

“ *Margerite Butcher lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin*



Margerite Butcher - April 12 at 07:33 PM

MB

Prayers to Darlene's family's

Margerite Butcher - April 12 at 07:33 PM

JC

“ Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Darlene Wallin



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - April 12 at 07:28 PM

JC

Darlene babysat us kids..Virgil and Stella were neighborhood card club..had lots of years of 4th of July picnics with the Perkins..God Bless you Darlene..Heaven Welcome an Angel ☐☐💕💕💕

Jeff & Linda Christoffer - April 12 at 07:32 PM

AR

“ I always enjoyed our many coffees together through the years Maryellen, Doris and I would meet a couple times a week and have a cup of coffee and chat . Darlene was always in a good mood and fun to be with. We will miss you Darlene. Now you can be with your love Denny again. ❤️ . Adrienne

Adrienne Rumbaugh - April 12 at 06:21 PM

NB

Darlene was a wonderful friend. She loved her family, friends and Florida. We will miss her but keep her in our hearts. ❤️

Nancy Brant - April 13 at 11:37 PM

PG

The SLHS class of 62 lost a favorite classmate. She and Denny were a couple who lived a full life, devoted to each other, their family and friends. We will miss Darlene. God Bless.

Pam Carlson Grems - April 16 at 07:19 PM