



Darlene Hodges

December 18, 1938 - May 11, 2010

Darlene June Hodges passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the age of 71. Darlene was born on December 18, 1938, in Vinton, Iowa to Ross and Opal (Whiting) Abernathy. She was raised in Vinton and graduated from Vinton High School in 1957. On May 18, 1960, she married Larry Don Hodges in Marion, Iowa. At the time of her death, they were one week shy of celebrating 50 years of marriage. Darlene and Larry spent the majority of their marriage in Knoxville where they raised three children. She worked for the Knoxville Community School District for many years, and after her retirement, she went on to work for the Pella Chronicle. Despite losing most of her vision due to macular degeneration, Darlene continued to enjoy antiquing, crocheting, quilting, knitting, and reading. Her greatest enjoyment, however, was the time she spent with her children and grandchildren. Darlene's kindness and generosity touched many lives, especially her family. Through her actions, she taught many lessons, among the most important of which was to persevere and never to lose your sense of humor or ability to laugh. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ross and Opal, two sisters, one brother in infancy, and her son, William F. Hodges II (Bill). Darlene is survived by her husband Larry Hodges of Knoxville, her two daughters, Lori Hodges (Mary Middleton) of Des Moines, and Candy Wilson (Brandon) of Knoxville, and her grandchildren, Brian Coady Clarke II, Ross Clarke, Abigail and Nolan Wilson. She is also survived by one brother and four sisters, many nieces and nephews, her mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

Comments



“ Dearest Larry & Family,

We were shocked & very sad to hear of your loss of Darlene. We will always have wonderful memories of spending time with the two of you in Knoxville, she always made us feel as if she had known us forever. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and please know we will truly miss Darlene.

Rich & Cindy Bosi - May 25, 2010 at 09:07 PM



“ From Russ, LuAnn, Molly/Andrew,Sarah/Jaiden Tandy.We can only remember Darlene with a smile because we never saw her without one. Love to all.We'll see you today. God bless.

Russ Tandy ,and family - May 18, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ There is no way to express how much Aunt Darlene meant to me, especially after mom passed away. She promised mom she would watch out for us girls and she did. I remember the first time she called me on my birthday and sang (sort of) happy birthday to me, just like my mom always did. I valued her advice and her opinion and loved to hear her laugh.

She was that connection to mom that we just weren't ready to give up yet. I will miss her so much and will think about all of you every day.

You are in my prayers.

Tracie Walker - May 18, 2010 at 09:19 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are all very fortunate to have had such a wonderful woman to call your mom, wife, grandma, and friend. Darlene was such an amazing woman and she was truly my IDOL. I will always have wonderful memories of her. She probably never knew how much of an inspiration she was to me in my younger adulthood years and continues to be as I grow older . . . I will miss her dearly. You are all very much in my thoughts during this time of sadness.

Bev (Winfield) Williams - May 17, 2010 at 09:49 AM



“ imogene & billie,

just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

ron & cindy voss - May 14, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ Candy, please know we continue to hold you and your family close in our hearts and prayers. Your mom's passing leaves the Earth a little darker.

Your friends,
Jane & Dave

Jane & Dave Bravick - May 14, 2010 at 06:06 PM



“ Dear Lori and Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss - it is immense. The photo of your Mom is what we would have expected - a bright, smiling, and vibrant woman (very much like you Lori).

It is and will be such a sad time. Try to keep in the forefront of your mind all the good memories you have of her - nothing will take those away.

We love you, and we are thinking of you.

Deb Anderson and Connie Newlin

Connie Newlin - May 13, 2010 at 02:50 PM