



Darlene R. Schropfer

January 26, 1935 - January 22, 2020

Darlene Ruth Bumgarner Schropfer was born to William Bumgarner and Anna (Paulson) Bumgarner on January 26, 1935 at her parents' farm by Strang, Nebraska. She passed away at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska on January 22, 2020, at the age of 84 years, 11 months, and 22 days, just four days short of her 85th birthday. She was the youngest of six children in the family. Her oldest sister, Leona, assisted in her birth.

Darlene attended grade school in Strang until the family moved to Bruning when she was 11 years old. She graduated from Bruning High School as the class valedictorian in 1952. Darlene enjoyed playing volleyball and softball, participating in choir and theater, speech, and church activities. She was honored to attend Girls State in the summer of 1951. After graduation, Darlene enrolled in the Teacher Education program at Doane College. She was an elementary school teacher at District #34 country school near Ohiowa. She left a formal teaching career to take care of her growing family. Later in life, Darlene took classes to become a licensed insurance agent for Modern Woodmen.

On August 21, 1954, Louis Schropfer and Darlene were united in marriage at the Bruning Methodist Church. They would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past August. To this union, five children were born. They raised their family on a farm on the south end of Ohiowa. In 1993, they

moved to the home farmstead east of Ohiowa. As a couple, Louis and Darlene enjoyed dancing, playing cards, family gatherings and vacations, and attending their kids and grandkids sporting events and activities. Pasture softball games followed by a wiener roast are fond family memories.

Darlene loved to open her home to family and friends. There was always a fresh pot of coffee and homemade bread, rolls, pies, cakes, and plenty of meat and potatoes for any visitor. Her children remember bringing their friends and future spouses home for one of Darlene's feasts. Darlene was a dedicated farm wife, providing homemade meals at least four times a day. Oftentimes, one of those meals would have to be delivered to the field. Grandchildren will remember Grandma reading to them, playing cards and other games with them, teaching them to cook and bake, and encouraging them in their faith and education. All will remember her kind and caring handwritten cards, frequent phone calls to stay in touch, strong faith, commitment to education, service to the community, and her courage and optimism as she persevered through many health challenges.

Darlene was baptized in April of 1947 in Strang. Later, Darlene and Louis were confirmed and joined St. John's Lutheran Church in 1954 where Darlene served as a Sunday School Teacher, Bible School Leader, and a member of the Lutheran Church Women organization. She also was a member of the Ohiowa Auxiliary, Ohiowa First Responders, Ohiowa Country Neighbors Extension Club, was a 4-H Club Leader, and an advocate for community improvement efforts. She helped plant and take care of flowers at the Ohiowa Park.

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Schropfer; her parents, William and Anna Bumgarner; sisters Leona (Joe) Deprez and Norma (Virgil) Eppler; brother Homer (Gloria) Bumgarner; brothers-in-law Harold Christensen and Bob Hansen; son-in-law Steve Betka; and granddaughter

Jennifer Marie Siert.

She is survived by sisters Dorothy Hansen and Delores Christensen; sister-in-law Georgia Schropfer; and children Audrey (Jim) Betka-Mager of Lincoln; Janet (John) Siert of Eldora, Iowa; Robert (Chris) Schropfer of Ohioa; Mary Schropfer of Lincoln; and Kay (Jay) Knapp of Ord. Grandchildren are Derek (Brooke) Betka; Ryan Betka; and Step Grandchildren Melissa and Jamie Mager; Grandchildren Kristen (Michael) Murphy; Matt (Alina) Siert; Carmen (Tyler) Alexander; Kimberly Schropfer; and Austin, Mitchell and Adam Knapp. Great-grandchildren are Kayleigh, Kelsey, Kaitlyn, and Kierstyn Betka; Claire and Jack Murphy; Micah Siert; and Natalie and Lauren Alexander. Darlene is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Darlene was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohioa, Nebraska. PMA Jim Germer officiated the Funeral Service. Nancy Cradduck accompanied the congregation in the singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," and "On Eagles' Wings." Brooke Betka provided special music and she sang, "In Christ Alone," and her mother, Marla Maschmann, accompanied her. Brooke Betka also led the great grandchildren in the singing of "Jesus Loves Me."

Pallbearers for the service included Derek Betka, Ryan Betka, Matt Siert, Michael Murphy, Austin Knapp, Mitchell Knapp, Adam Knapp, and Tyler Alexander. Honorary Pallbearers included Kristen Murphy, Carmen Alexander, and Kimberly Schropfer.

Interment was held in the Ohioa Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online

condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the St. John's Lutheran Church or to the family to be designated to the Rainbow Park in Ohiowa.

Cemetery Details

Ohiowa Public Cemetery

Ohiowa
NE, NE 68416

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
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Funeral Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

St John's Lutheran Church
510 S Summit St
Ohiowa, NE 68416
(402) 295-2324

Tribute Wall



“ 48 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 27, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BS

“ Mary and family, so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. The memories you have will keep her close forever. Prayers to you.
Bonnie Smith

Bonnie Smith - January 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Darlene's. She had a beautiful smile and loved to visit.



Jenice Bates - January 25, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.*



January 25, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Carole Saiser lit a candle in memory of Darlene R. Schropfer*



Carole Saiser - January 24, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.*



January 24, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.*



January 24, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JM

“ Jorg, Scott, Michael, Wendy, Amanda, & Martin purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.



Jorg, Scott, Michael, Wendy, Amanda, & Martin - January 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

LP

“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Darlene R. Schropfer



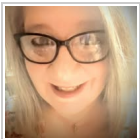
LaDonna Pendleton - January 24, 2020 at 09:31 AM

WS

“ Ward and Linda Siert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.



Ward and Linda Siert - January 24, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Darlene R. Schropfer



Janine Uldrich - January 24, 2020 at 06:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.*

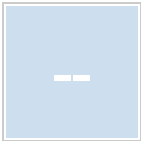


January 23, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Darlene always had a beautiful smile. Loved the Lord, Family and life
Praying for the family and the beautiful memories they have. Kathy Knapp*

Kathy Knapp - January 23, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *--- purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Darlene R. Schropfer.*



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“ *Deepest sympathy the Schropfer and Betka families. Her loving spirit will be forever carried in your hearts!!*



Mike and Brenda Motis - January 23, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LN

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family of Darlene Schropfer.*



Linda (Schelbitzki) Newell - January 23, 2020 at 07:54 AM