



## Darlene E. Winkler

December 26, 1932 - January 31, 2019

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska at 10:30 a.m. with Father Harlan Waskowiak presiding.

During the service 5 recorded songs were played, "Hallelujah" by Lindsey Stirling, "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris, "Why Me Lord" by George Jones, "Peace In The Valley" by George Jones and "When The Roll is Up Yonder" by Alan Jackson.

Honorary Urn Bearers included Mathew Reavis, Casey Winkler, Mitchell Reavis, Max Reavis, Carly Winkler, Elizabeth Johnson, Evan Johnson, Casen Winkler and Micky Reavis.

Graveside Inurnment was held following the memorial service at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan, Nebraska.

Memorials were directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Darlene was born on December 26, 1932 to Edward J. and Agnes (Votipka) Steinacher of Geneva, NE and passed away Thursday, January 31st in

Lincoln, NE at the age of 86. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva where she attended church and school until the 8th grade and graduated from Geneva High School in 1950. Growing up she enjoyed helping her mother clean and prepare the church for worship. In 1948, the family of three grew by one when her brother, Rodney joined the family.

On February 21st, 1952 Darlene was united in marriage to Delbert Lee Winkler of Fairmont, NE. Later that year as Delbert was preparing to ship out with the US Army, she and a close friend moved out to Paso Robles, CA to spend time with their husbands prior to their deployment to Korea. Upon returning to Geneva, Darlene's mother was in a horrible accident and Darlene moved home with her parents to care for them and her little brother. It was during this time she developed her caregiving skills and serving others.

In 1955, when Delbert returned from the Army they moved onto the family farm six miles south and a quarter mile east of Exeter, NE. It was during this time that she became an active member of Milligan Legion HSSK #240 Post Women's Auxiliary, VFW Women's Auxiliary of Geneva, St. Stephen's Catholic Church Auxiliary in Exeter and she worked at the Dime Store in Geneva. They welcomed a son, Michael in 1956 into the family, daughter Laurie in 1961 and daughter Patti in 1963. Darlene enjoyed farm life, her garden, (where she honed her canning skills to preserve food for the bitter winters) baking, sewing and helping the kids with their 4H projects, helping with Bingo at the Milligan Legion Club.

In 1974, the family moved off the farm and to Stromsburg, NE where she once again was able to put her caregiving skills to work at the Midwest Covenant Home until her retirement. Because of her and Delbert's love of country she became active in Stromsburg American Legion Post #132 Auxiliary, Good Sam's Camping Club and active in the Stromsburg Senior Center. Darlene loved to crochet, sew, do needlepoint, cook, bake and sit on her front porch read the paper and watch the birds outside.

Darlene is survived by her three children: Mike of Hallam, NE; Laurie/Laura

Winkler Reavis of Fremont, NE; Patti and her husband Joe Johnson of Lincoln, NE; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandsons including Carly Winkler and her son Casen of Wilber, Mathew Reavis, his wife Sidney and their son Micky of Ashland, NE, Mitchell Reavis of Boston, MA and Max Reavis along with his fiancé Christine Knadle of Omaha, Elizabeth and Evan Johnson of Lincoln; brother Rodney and his wife Gail Steinacher of Lincoln and their two daughters and their families; sister-in-law Winona (Sally) Stone of Fairmont and her family; along with other grand nieces and nephews, other relatives and cherished friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Delbert, grandson Casey Winkler and brother-in-law Wayne Stone.

# Cemetery Details

## Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel

Main Street

Milligan, NE 68406

(402) 759-3617

<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ 27 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - February 06, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene E. Winkler.



February 05, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Mike, Laura and Patty, I wanted to send my condolences for the loss of your Mother. Darlene was always there as we all grew up together, and always looked after us as if we were her own. you are all in my prayers.

Michael Pracheil

Michael Pracheil - February 05, 2019 at 12:01 PM

MP

“ *Michael, Blake and Quinn Pracheil purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Darlene E. Winkler.*



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**Michael, Blake and Quinn Pracheil** - February 05, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlene E. Winkler.*



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February 04, 2019 at 01:39 PM

GK

“ *Mike, Lori, Patty and family's. I'm so sorry to here of your moms passing. I had no idea she was not doing well. I am very sorry I will not be able to attend her service I have a meeting scheduled I cannot reschedule. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I hope we will be able to keep in touch. She was a wonderful lady and I am honored to have known her, your father and all of you. God Bless all of you. Galen and Sharon Kuska*

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**Galen & Sharon Kuska** - February 03, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene E. Winkler.*



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February 03, 2019 at 01:36 PM

BH

“ hugs from the Ray Erdkamp family, Barbara Erdkamp Hein and Robert Holmes and family.

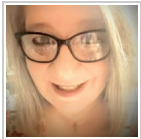
Barbara Erdkamp Hein - February 02, 2019 at 10:05 PM



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



February 02, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ May the Lord embrace you Mike, Laura, and Patty. Your mom was beautiful inside and out. Our memories only to be cherished.



Janine Uldrich - February 01, 2019 at 05:56 PM

  
Lynnelle  
Trauger

“ Laura and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I have many fond memories of times spent at your house. Hugs my friend

Lynnelle Trauger - February 01, 2019 at 03:52 PM

MM

Mike and Family, we are so sorry for your lost. Sending Prayers, and Hugs. Remember and cherish all the Blessings and Memories 💜🙏  
Love You 💜

Mac and Karen MacDonald - February 02, 2019 at 05:25 PM

CH

*Mike, Lori, Patty & family's. I am so sorry to hear of your mother passing away. Your mother and I spent lots of time together while your Dad and my Husband were in Korea. We have some great cherished times together. She was a great lady. I have lots of fond memories and I know you all do also.*

*Carol Hanlin*

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**Carol Jean Hanlin** - February 05, 2019 at 10:19 AM

GW

*I don't know how to adequately express the sadness we felt upon learning of Darlene's passing later that same day when by chance my wife and I were by then several hundred miles' distance from Lincoln. That was just hours after having a nice set of conversations with her at Pemberly Place and as she was to retire for the evening hearing her say to my mother, Helen, that she would see her 'in the morning.'*

*Your mother was a wonderful lady, Patti and Laurie, she was such a fantastic friend of my mother and provided very meaningful and caring companionship, something that was of tremendous value to us and touched our hearts.*

*It was so good to have the opportunity to know her as well as you her two daughters. Please know that our thoughts have been with you since the news of her passing came our way. We trust that your memories of her will be of comfort as time passes.*

*Gus Wiebers*

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**Gus Wiebers** - February 18, 2019 at 12:10 PM