

## *Special Memories of Grandma*

### **Memories from Angela**

"When we were young, grandma watched us grandkids each summer at our pool. She always did Sam's Club runs to buy us snacks that our parents wouldn't buy for us, especially Rice Krispy treats and Atomic Fireball jawbreakers."

"Gram raised me with her friends at 'The Tailgate' in Huron, making sure I always had chicken tenders with their special sauce, Shirley Temples, and quarters for the jukebox."

"I loved giving her grief for leaving her Christmas tree up year-round."

"When we stayed at her house, she always had Mr. Bubble bath soap for baths, powder in a fancy glass jar for after, and the best fried hash browns and banana pancakes for breakfast."

### **Cole's Memories**

"The fireflies were out Monday night for grandma's 96th birthday. She always loved sitting on our deck during summer trips and waiting for the fireflies to sparkle."

"One of my favorite memories was watching grandma holding the twins (one in each of her arms). She was a natural at rocking babies and patting their bottoms to put them to sleep."



### **Memories from Abby**

"We loved when grandma babysat us. She always had bacon cheddar potato skin chips and cheese whiz in the spray can. If she was out of chips, a bowl of red grapes were another favorite."

"Grandma had the full CD collection of Frank Sinatra. I would sit and memorize all the lyrics to them when I was a young girl."

"Tailgate special for her grandkids: Shirley Temple with extra maraschino cherries"

"Even in these last few months, her memory was so sharp. She knew what every family member had been doing or what the grandkids' daily activities were and she followed up the next day, asking how their activity or event turned out."

### **Spencer's Memories of Grandma Darlene**

"Grandma always cooked up the best mashed potatoes, meat and gravy for our big holiday meals. One time she slipped up and we had a big surprise when we took our first spoonful of potatoes. She accidentally used the hazelnut coffee creamer instead of her usual half-and-half or cream."

"Grandma was the life of party when Rachael and I got married in Narragansett, Rhode Island many years ago. The wedding took place at Christmas time which wasn't ideal for traveling but she made a last minute decision she had to be there."

## *In Loving Memory*



# **Darlene Cameron**

**July 21, 1929 — July 22, 2025**

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Darlene Tillie Ochsner Cameron, 96, of Huron, died July 22, 2025, at Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs Nursing Home in Yankton. Three generations of family members filled her room early in the evening to sing “happy 96th birthday” to their Cameron family matriarch.

Darlene was born July 21, 1929, in Wessington Springs, SD to Tillie (Schorzman) and William (Wilhelm) Ochsner. She graduated from Wessington Springs High School in 1947, and she attended Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell for a year and a half until her father’s death in a hit and run accident. She returned home to help her mom manage her father’s farm properties, and care for her younger brother.

Darlene married Herbert Cameron in 1950. With Herbert’s job on the Bell Telephone Company crew, the couple lived in Howard, Mitchell, and Wessington Springs before settling in Huron. They raised four children during their 23 years of marriage.

Darlene was a full-time mother and homemaker until her husband’s death. She excelled at cooking and baking with her specialties (baked beans, pecan pie, homemade ice cream, and many Christmas treats). Darlene was also a superb seamstress, sewing shirts and suits for Herbert and school clothes for the children. During many summer vacations to the Black Hills, the west coast and Canada, the family camped and explored numerous National Parks and forests.

With her husband’s premature death in 1973 and three children in college and high school, Darlene became the breadwinner for the first time. She started a poodle grooming business part-time and became the bookkeeper for the Huron Telco Credit Union. Later she became the manager of the MO Federal Credit Union until her retirement.

Darlene filled her retirement years with her children and many close friends. She loved traveling with her girlfriends to Hawaii, the Black Hills and Florida, playing bridge, eating out, and attending Red Hat events. In fact she still had coffee twice a week with her life-long friend Darlene Klinkel.

Grateful for sharing her life are her children: Alison (Keith) Halgerson, Sioux Falls; Jonathan (Mary) Cameron, Yankton; and Guy Cameron, Huron. Grandchildren include: Nathan (Beth) Eckhardt, and Anna Eckhardt, Grants Pass, Oregon; Angela Cameron, Minneapolis; Abby (Adam) Goeken, Yankton; Spencer (Rachael) Halgerson and Cole (Meredith) Halgerson of Sioux Falls. Great-grandchildren include: Natalie (Hank), Emily, Adelyn, Eden, Jagger, Theodore, Willow, Charles, Beatrice, Louis and Harrison.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Lee Ochsner, her husband and her oldest daughter Teresa Eckhardt.

Family and friends who knew Darlene best would agree that no job in life was too big for her to tackle! She proudly said the secret to her long and full life was to face life’s countless challenges head on, filled with laughter, humor, and a little wine, cheddar cheese on a Club cracker and a daily dose of sugar or chocolate. A fond farewell to our dear mom and grandmother who we all will miss dearly.

*The family extends their warmest gratitude to all the devoted and caring staff and doctors at Majestic Bluffs where Darlene made her home this spring and summer.*

## ***Funeral Service***

Monday, July 28, 2025

1:00 PM

Kuhler Funeral Home

Huron, South Dakota

## ***Officiant***

Pastor Neil Downey

Central Church, Sioux Falls

## ***Music***

*Scars In Heaven* by Casting Crowns

*On Eagle’s Wings* by Angela Birkhead-Flight

*Amazing Grace* by Alan Jackson

*I’ll Be Seeing You* by Billie Holiday

## ***Casket Bearers***

Spencer Halgerson

Cole Halgerson

Adam Goeken

Roger Woodworth

Scott Ochsner

Dan Ochsner

## ***Interment***

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Wessington Springs, South Dakota