

Darlene Joyce Valades

Darlene Joyce Valades was born in Highmore, SD, on May 30, 1931, to Lloyd and Wilma (Leafgreen) Houdek. She moved with her family to Sturgis in 1946 where she graduated from St. Martin's Academy in 1949. She received a scholarship to Mount Marty College in Yankton, but chose to go instead to the national College of Business where she not only graduated in 1950, but also met her future husband.

On September 10, 1951, she and Salvador (Chuck) Valades were married in Edgemont, SD. They lived in Sturgis for a time and then moved to Fort Meade where they lived until 1975 when

they moved to Blucksberg Mountain Estates. In 2001, they moved into Sturgis.

In 1971, Mrs. Valades graduated from Black Hills State College and taught part time at National College and at the Meade School District. The next year she started teaching at Western Dakota Technical Institute and did so until her retirement in 1990. She was a member of Vocational Associations on the local, state, regional and national levels.

After her retirement, she became active in parish work at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. After 3-1/2 years of classroom work, she was commissioned by Bishop Chaput as a Lay Minister and was involved in the CCD program. She also

established and coordinated the Homebound Visitation Program. Later she coordinated the St. Francis Funeral Lunch Program for ten years. She was also an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Team Leader for funeral lunches. She was a life Auxiliary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Darlene passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Chuck, and three children: Vince and his wife, Karen Valades, and their three children; Joel, Brenna Nienke (Rye), and Jeremy of Fort Collins, CO; Tina and her husband, Ralph Tullberg, of Winchester, Massachusetts; and

Vance and his wife, Annie, of Colorado Springs, CO, and their children; Matt of Pittsboro, NC, Maggie of Orlando, FL, and Joel of Colorado Springs; and great-granddaughter, Scarlet Anderson, of Colorado Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Lloyd Houdek, Wilma (Houdek) Mashburn and Ray Mashburn; one brother, Dick Houdek; and sisters, Bette Winter and Beverly Tarrant.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Restoration of St. Martin's Chapel in Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of Darlene Joyce Valades

1931 ~ 2014



To Those I Love

*When I am gone, just release me, let me go –
so I can move into my afterglow.*

*You mustn't tie me down with your tears;
let's be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted with trust.*

*It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."*





*God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying Love...*



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Born

May 30, 1931
Highmore, South Dakota

Died

June 17, 2014
Rapid City, South Dakota

Vigil

Sunday, June 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, June 23, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.
St. Martin's Chapel

Celebrant

Father Arnold Kari

Organist

Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist

Mary Ann Rasmussen

Musical Selections

"Ave Maria"

"My Rosary"

Pallbearers

Joseph Valades ~ John Valades ~ Barry Winter
Brian Winter ~ Greg Tarrant ~ Mick Martinez
Sid Houdek ~ Kem Houdek

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the parish hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*