

Darlene "Dar" Ann Nupen

Darlene "Dar" Erickson Nupen went to be with her maker in Heaven on July 13, 2020. She was born in Bryant, SD, on April 3, 1937, in the middle of a snowstorm. She was the fifth child of Edward and Helen Erickson. She joined one brother, Curtis, and sisters, Lily, Jeanette, and LaVonne. She grew up in Bryant, excelling in athletics and cheerleading as a Bryant Scotty. After graduation, she moved to Rapid City with friends where she met and married, Jay Masten. Four daughters were born to this union; Beth, Laramie, WY, Darci (Jeff), Hill City, Kari (Lloyd), Whitewood, and Marnie (Shannon), Piedmont. In 1971, she married Curtis Nupen. They had one son together, Ryan (Valerie), Laramie WY. Also with this union, she added three step-children; Terri (Albert), Trudi (Rick), and Brad (Sonya), all of Brookings. Curt and Dar were married for 48 years and were blessed with 18 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

For 20 years, Dar kept busy raising all of her kids. When the youngest, Ryan, started school she went to work as a Special Education paraprofessional, which she enjoyed for years. She was a charter member of Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church and Piedmont Valley American Legion Auxiliary. She continued her involvement by playing, and many times winning, at Bingo and Texas Hold'em at the Legion with her pals.

Her children and grandchildren will remember her for making all the holidays so special. Her house was ALWAYS filled with love and laughter, LOTS of LAUGHTER. She made every day exciting. Dar had a beautiful voice and passed her love for music onto her children and grandchildren. Her favorite past time was fishing with every and anyone that would go. The world will be a little dimmer without her, but Heaven sure got a whole lot brighter. She has given us so many wonderful memories and stories. Dar will be missed by all who had the pleasure of sharing her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the youth programs of Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church.

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

GONE FISHING!

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Darlene Ann Nupen

April 3, 1937 ~ July 13, 2020

MOM CALLS
By Kari Wheeler

To start my day in a positive way
Mom Calls

“Rise and Shine” to be the best I can and enjoy life
Mom Calls

Having a cup of coffee while on the phone
so I don't have to have one alone
Mom Calls

When I am happy and really excited
Mom Calls

When I am sad or seem down
Mom Calls

Lessons of God's power and love
With reminders to give thanks up above
Mom Calls

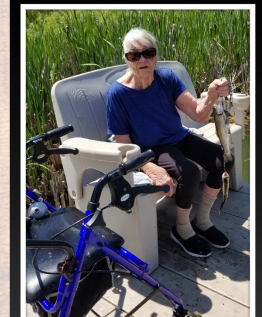
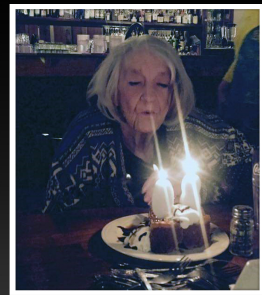
When I am crabby
and not so pleasant to talk to
Mom Calls

To tell me I am special and loved very much
Mom Calls

At the end of my day
to wish me good night and remind me to say my
prayers
Mom Calls

My day, my life, is complete because
Mom Calls

Thanks for your calls mom, We love you!



In Memory Of
Darlene Ann Nupen

Date of Birth
April 3, 1937
Bryant, South Dakota

Date of Death
July 13, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Service
Friday, July 17, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church
Piedmont, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Tim Stadem

Musician
Dayna Collins

Songs
"I Hope You Dance" "Dancing In Heaven" "Jealous of the Angels"
"Feels Like Home" "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers
All Grandchildren

Final Resting Place
At A Later Date
Bryant Cemetery
Bryant, South Dakota