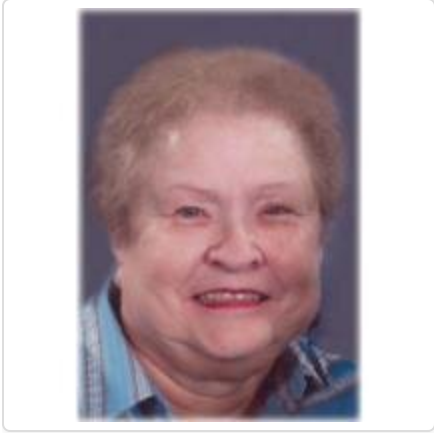




Darlene Burchinal

October 11, 1933 - November 30, 2008

Darlene Burchinal, 75, Bismarck, died November 30, 2008. Services will be held at 1:30 pm Thursday at McCabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Art Scanson officiating. Burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until 9:00 pm Wednesday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, with a time of sharing beginning at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Darlene was born October 11, 1933, the daughter of Calvin and Helen Davis Baird, at Wichita, KS. She and her parents resided in Kechi, KS. She attended elementary school in Kechi, graduating from Wichita High School North in 1951. Darlene married Carrol Burchinal on November 4, 1951, at Kechi, KS. They began their married life in Rockaway Beach, NY, where Carrol was serving in the US Coast Guard. After his discharge from the Coast Guard, they returned to Kansas. During the next few years they lived in various in Kansas while Carrol completed college and followed his profession as an educator. Darlene was a homemaker and mother for a young family. She also earned her college PHT Putting Hubby Through Degree. In 1968 Darlene and Carrol moved to Bismarck. She was employed at Mary College and later at the ND Attorney General's Office until 1982. She was an avid camper and a life member of the National Campers and Hikers/Family Campers and RVers Association. She held offices at the state, local, and national levels. She served on the organization's executive board and trustees for twenty-five years, and served as National Recording Secretary. Darlene and Carrol

recently entered their 35th year as foster parents, an accomplishment Darlene was extremely proud of. During this time, approximately 260 children received Darlene's love and care. She was very grateful to have an opportunity to make a difference in their lives. Darlene received many state, local and national awards, including her and Carrol being recognized as the North Dakota Foster/Adopt Parents Association Foster Parents of the Year in 2002 and 2007; several NCHA/FCRV National Awards, and the Bismarck Golden Award in 1986, for her dedication to serving children and the community. Darlene will be dearly missed by her husband of 57 years, Carrol; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael of Dickinson, and Brad and Pam of Bismarck; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lisa and Hilary Wald of Bismarck, and Letoya Whitelighting of Bismarck; seven grandchildren, Uriah Burchinal and Sara Helm, Joshua and Missy Burchinal, Chad Burchinal and Stephanie Papka, Tenille and John Hedahl, Mark Wald, Kelsey Wald and Skye Wald; and great grandchildren, Rachel, Taylor, Caleb, Jacob, Mikayla, Makenna, Gyeneveve, Grace, Elijah, and Carter; one brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Kim Baird, Houston, TX, and a special Godson, Andrew Tosseth and family of Bismarck; and the many, many foster children she loved so much. She was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson, Ezra Burchinal; and a sister-in-law, Ginger Baird. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Darlene's name to Region 8 Foster Care Coalition, 418 E Broadway, #25, Bismarck, ND, 58501.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I always admired Darlene and Carrol and their great dedication and work towards the betterment of children. Their years of taking in foster children and giving of themselves should be an inspiration to all people. It is people like Darlene that give hope and courage to others in the hope of making lives better for the children in need. To give so much and to ask so little in return is a testament to the wonderful person she was and will continue to be in the memory of so many.

Jeff Richter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Dear Carrol & Family So sorry to read of Darlene's death. May God be with you during this difficult time, and give you strenght for the days ahead. My Sympathy, Norma

Norma Kienzle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Carrol, Brad, Mike, Lisa and families -may you know that your mother was very special to lots of us. As I was putting up my Christmas decorations, I came across 2 things she had given to us photo album with counted cross stitch on the front and a plastic canvas arrangement, made me smile. Know that we are here if you need us - take care and God Bless.

Corrina - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Carol, Latoya & family We were sorry to hear of Darlene's passing. Please know that we are thinking of you and you are in our prayers. We will miss her terribly. She was a great lady. We always looked forward to you guys coming to Kechi each year and enjoyed visiting with her. Please let us know if we can do anything. Love Guy & Ginger

Guy & Ginger Clevenger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Carol, What an inspiration you and Darlene have been to the Foster Parent Association. Knowing what you and Darlene have done as foster parent's keeps inspiring all of us with the association. May god bless you and your family and remeber, Darlene was an Angel to all of us, including all of her children. Mary Jo and Gordy Jangula

Mary Jo Jangula - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Carroll and Family, Darlene was a model of a nurturing, loving, caring woman!!! Her willingness to give of herself to foster children is a tribute to generous love. May the God of Love and goodness welcome her now with the joyful and peaceful hospitality that is His. I remember Darlene so well...I worked at UMary at the same time she did. Peace and all good to all who loved Darlene. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Carroll and family - My deepest sympathies for the loss of Darlene. What a wonderful example she and you, Carroll, have been in providing loving care to so many of North Dakota's children! Her joy and generosity of spirit have soothed so many a hurting child's heart. I know she will be greatly missed by many in the child welfare community in this area and around the state..*

Julie Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Carrol and Family, You have our deepest sympathy. Darlene was one of the best people in the world. She was kind hearted, loving, generous, and devoted to making children's lives better. We appreciated the daycare services she provided in the 80's. Our daughter, Erika, enjoyed going to your home and we knew she was safe and well cared for while we were at work. I also have to tell you that I enjoyed working with her in the Attorney General's office. She was a hard worker, a fun co-worker, and a true professional when dealing with the public. We are blessed to have known her. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

DeNae Kautzmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She is above us all acting like another angel upon us. God bless your family and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Ryan & Bonita Pegors and Boys - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM