



Darlene Kneisl

October 5, 1936 - May 15, 2026

The Mass of Christian Burial for Darlene Kneisl of Wadena and formerly of Verndale, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday May 29, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Jean-Claude Duncan as celebrant.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena, with Prayers at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

With family at her side, Darlene passed away on May 15, 2026, at the age of 89 at her home in Wadena, MN. with compassionate care by her family and Lakewood Hospice.

Darlene was born to Peter and Iona (Kimmes) Simmons on October 5, 1936, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. She attended St. Ann's Parochial School through the eighth grade and graduated with the Wadena High School Class of 1954. She went on to St. Gabriel's Hospital School of Nursing in Little Falls. On October 26, 1955, Darlene married Arnold Kneisl at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. They made their home down the road from Arnie's parents in rural Verndale. She was actively involved with vegetable and flower gardening and helping on their dairy farm. When time allowed, she enjoyed reading, swimming laps and exercising. Taking their fifth wheel and traveling

with Arnie to Rio Grande Valley in Texas provided many fun memories.

Being community minded, Darlene was involved as a key leader with 4-H, the Verndale Country Garden Club, Merry Bells Homemakers Group, and TOPS. At church, she was dedicated to Christian Mothers and serving as a Sacristy attendant for 16 years.

Preceding Darlene in death were her husband, Arnold (2024); parents, Peter and Iona; and sister, Lorraine "Punkie" Jones; parents-in-law, August and Gertrude (Schlegel) Kneisl and great-granddaughter Ella Krumweide.

Deeply loved, Darlene will be remembered by her children: Gary (Kathy) Kneisl of Verndale, Mary Dee (Tom) Weber of Wadena, Karen (Terry) Marthaler of Perham, Kenneth (Lori) Kneisl of Wadena, Kevin (Melissa) Kneisl of Inver Grove Heights; 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren; sibling Delores "Dee" (Donald) Schwartz of Wadena and many extended family and friends.

Active pallbearers will be Mike Weber, Andy Marthaler, Jason Kneisl, Tyler Marthaler, Danny Kneisl, Christian Kneisl and Logan Kneisl.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Prayers

MAY 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

MAY 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
514 1st St SE
Wadena, MN 56482-1803
(218) 631-1593

Mass

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 22 at 12:11 PM

NS

Great memories of our Birthday Club ☐

Naomi Stone - May 26 at 05:05 PM

ES

What a beautiful tribute to a life well loved....an amazing legacy she has left behind...mourn when you need, and celebrate when you can... my deepest condolences to you, Beth and Dave Selvey

Elizabeth Selvey - May 26 at 11:09 PM

GD

“ *George and Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



George and Julie Deiss - May 28 at 10:33 PM

TL

“ The Lee’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Kneisl.



The Lee’s - May 28 at 08:48 AM

WS

“ Such a beautiful lady and always so fun to visit with! Darlene always had that special sparkle! Our hearts hurt with n for each of you. So grateful for God's amazing gift of Salvation we can be reunited in heaven.. Hallelujah, thank you Jesus💖 Our sincere sympathy, prayers and love are with you each..such a wonderful family🙏💖👍



Wayne and Sheila Stave - May 26 at 04:23 PM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 26 at 09:36 AM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Pat Lorentz - May 25 at 12:32 PM

LK

“ *Lee & Patty Kicker lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Lee & Patty Kicker - May 24 at 11:21 AM

FH

“ *From the Burns- Harpers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Kneisl.*



From the Burns- Harpers - May 23 at 02:23 PM

VB

“ *Condolences to sister Dee and the entire Kneisl family.*

Virginia Beaver - May 22 at 05:56 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 22 at 12:08 PM

JC

“ Jim and Janell Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Jim and Janell Carr - May 21 at 07:33 PM

SW

“ Sharon Wutzke lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Sharon Wutzke - May 21 at 06:36 PM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Kneisl.



May 21 at 06:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Darlene Kneisl.



May 21 at 05:38 PM



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



May 21 at 03:46 PM



“ *Krystal & Nate purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darlene Kneisl.*



Krystal & Nate - May 21 at 09:28 AM



“ *My condolences to Darlenes family, her smilies will be greatly missed. Prayers for all of the Kneisl family. May God grant you peace and love during this difficult time.*



Geralyn Butler - May 20 at 10:05 PM



“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Linda McIntire - May 20 at 07:55 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Sharon Boline - May 20 at 07:42 PM

DD

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers



Deb Dague - May 20 at 11:34 AM

BB

“ Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Barb Brown - May 19 at 10:43 PM

PA

“ This lady put-up with my best friend Kevin and mines imagination and messes we made our whole childhood. What a wonderful lady.



Patricia Lovelace Anderson - May 19 at 10:32 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Bob & Donna Haman - May 19 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ *Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - May 19 at 08:03 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Patty Desrocher - May 19 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beaver lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Judy Beaver - May 19 at 12:00 PM

RB

“ Ray and Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - May 19 at 10:22 AM

SJ

“ Scott & Vicki Jahnke lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Scott & Vicki Jahnke - May 19 at 09:55 AM

JP

“ Dan and families. So sorry to hear of your loss. She is in Heaven and at peace. We will all meet again as HE has promised. God bless you all. You are in my prayers. Jackie Perius and families.



Jackie perius - May 19 at 12:45 AM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Gene & Mary Denny - May 18 at 10:08 PM

GC

“ Charlie and I enjoyed being Arnie and Darlene's neighbors. Wonderful card games.



Gladys Chase - May 18 at 09:54 PM

BD

“ Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Bob and Kathy Derby - May 18 at 09:54 PM



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



May 18 at 07:15 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Karen Treangen - May 18 at 06:33 PM

LC

“ *Lois & Dale Captain lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Lois & Dale Captain - May 18 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ *Prayers for all*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - May 18 at 03:48 PM

LT

“ *Lee and Linda Tarrell lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Lee and Linda Tarrell - May 18 at 03:38 PM

LW

“ *Louis and Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Louis and Tina Wegscheid - May 18 at 02:42 PM

GD

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️

Gene & Mary Denny - May 18 at 02:07 PM

BB

“ Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Betty Barr - May 18 at 02:05 PM

LA

“ Luther & Kathie Abrahamson lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Luther & Kathie Abrahamson - May 18 at 01:53 PM

WL

“ Wadena City Library lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl



Wadena City Library - May 18 at 01:12 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Marladene Heinen - May 18 at 11:42 AM

KM

“ *In 1989 I rented a lake cabin next to their lot , so I got to know Darlene and had some fun times together. So sorry to hear of her passing, my heartfelt sympathy to the whole family. She was a lovely lady and friend.*



Karen Thomson Munson - May 18 at 09:04 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - May 18 at 08:19 AM

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Marlene Campbell - May 18 at 01:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Jon and Patty Johnson - May 17 at 11:21 PM

CB

“ *Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - May 17 at 10:22 PM

CB

“ *Darlene, our neighbor and my client for so many years. We had many chances to talk and share. Her care for her family, hospitality and talents will always be remembered!*

Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - May 17 at 10:22 PM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Esther and Alan Freitag - May 17 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ *Diane and Larry Hahn lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Diane and Larry Hahn - May 17 at 08:37 PM

SK

“ *Steve & Janet Kneisl lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Steve & Janet Kneisl - May 17 at 08:04 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kneisl*



Leo Haisman - May 17 at 08:00 PM