



## Delores Cunningham

March 24, 1932 - November 4, 2017

The Memorial Mass for Delores Irene (Barondeau) Cunningham of Wadena, MN, and formerly of Cresbard, SD will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Aaron Kuhn celebrant. Friends and family will gather on Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Delores passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the age of 85 years at her home at The Meadows of Wadena.

Delores was born March 24, 1932 on a farm on the prairies of Onaka, SD to Joseph and Magdalena (Daschle) Barondeau. She shared many stories of the good ol' days working the fields with teams of horses with her father, 5 sisters and 1 brother. She attended a one room school house for 8 years. She met her sweetheart of more than 60 years, Milton Cunningham at a town hall polka dance in 1954. They married on September 17, 1957 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Onaka and settled on a farm in Cresbard, SD. Besides raising 5 children, she enjoyed working alongside her husband raising sheep, cattle, goats and poultry, taking special care of the animal babies. After the call of the woodlands of MN in 1976 brought them to a farm in Wadena, she also worked in housekeeping at Tri-County Hospital for 20 years.

She was an avid gardener who could make anything grow, priding herself on starting her own seeds, and canning and freezing enough fruits and

vegetables for the entire year. She loved to make and keep traditions, especially during the holidays - the annual Birthday Party Bash, her famous Christmas Kuchen, her year round holiday tree and handmade ornaments to all the grandkids every year. She blessed all she could with quilts, afghans, baby blankets, hats, mittens and scarves. Her competitive spirit would arise when the cards, game boards or fishing rods would come out, and she was the queen of the radio call-in contests!

In her later years, Delores enjoyed fishing on Pelican Bay, reading, attending concerts, doing crafts at the nursing home, working the food shelf, and belonged to the Christian Mothers of St. Anne's, and the Leaf River Extension Club. Not only did she mother her own growing family, but became a surrogate mom to nieces and nephews, and friends who had lost parents.

Delores was preceded in death by parents Joseph and Magdalena Barondeau; brother Andrew; sisters Josephine Greise, Irma Vogel, Ann Schaefer, and Bernadette Sanderson; infant son Joseph; and their canine companion, Brittany Spaniel Sam.

She is survived by her husband Milton of Wadena; sons Michael (Nancy) of Lincoln, IL; Mark (Denise) of Concorde, NC; Charles (Anne) of Lidgerwood, ND; Shawn (Kris) of Hutchinson, MN; daughter Lisa (Randy) Nicoll of Avon, MN; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; and sister Annette (Alan) Weisbeck of Pipestone, MN.

Honorary pallbearers are her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery at Onaka, SD.

She will be remembered for her generous heart, appreciation of nature,

willingness to lend a hand, and her focus on faith and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - November 09, 2017 at 03:23 PM

LS

*Beautiful video tribute!! Our deepest sympathy to Milton and the entire family. You are in our thoughts and prayers, may the grace of God give you peace and comfort! Ken and Linda (Griese) Sevigny*

**Linda Sevigny** - December 01, 2017 at 11:17 AM

JH

“ *Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Jay Hutson** - November 13, 2017 at 05:00 PM

LK

“ *Delores was a very classy lady always had a smile on her face. She touched our family in so many ways. She will be greatly missed. Love ya Joe & Linda Kern*

**linda kern** - November 11, 2017 at 11:57 PM

DA

“ Milt and family so sorry for your loss. Glad we made it to the anniversary celebration to see everyone. Fond memories of years past. You are all in our prayers. Dale and Kim

Dale - November 11, 2017 at 11:44 AM

SL

“ Sher Linnes lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham



Sher Linnes - November 10, 2017 at 10:50 PM

RO

“ So wish I were there to give each and everyone of you a hug, especially my baby brother Milt. I have many fond memories of Delores that I will cherish always. Please know you are in my prayers. Rosalie



Rosalie - November 10, 2017 at 03:56 PM

SS

“ Susan Bowar Strasburg lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham



Susan Bowar Strasburg - November 10, 2017 at 02:22 PM

SB

“ Shari Braun sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores Cunningham



Shari Braun - November 09, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delores Cunningham.



November 09, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 09, 2017 at 01:49 PM

JB

“ *Delores, I so enjoyed working with you when you were the leader of your circle at St. Ann's. You were so dedicated. And, yes, I heard you many times when you called in to the radio station - most of all, I heard you buying bird seed on Wheeler Dealer! I will miss sitting near you and Milt at Mass on Sundays. Rest in peace, Delores.*  
*Joyce Boyne*

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**Joyce Boyne** - November 09, 2017 at 09:20 AM

BA

“ *Barb lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Barb** - November 08, 2017 at 10:59 PM

BA

“ *A classy, creative woman who was a precious friend to our family. Our deepest sympathy to Milt and the whole Cunningham family on the loss of Delores. Our prayers follow you at this difficult time. -- Terry & Barb (Stemson) Farland & Nina*

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**Barb** - November 08, 2017 at 10:58 PM

JB

“ *Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Joan Brauch** - November 08, 2017 at 09:54 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dubois lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Mary Dubois** - November 08, 2017 at 04:24 PM

ML

“ *Marcia Liebig lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**marcia liebig** - November 07, 2017 at 02:38 PM

ML

*So sorry to hear of Delores' passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Milton and your family. I am so very glad I got to visit with her and you for your Anniversary. May the peace of our Lord be with you..*

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**marcia liebig** - November 07, 2017 at 02:41 PM

WL

“ *Wadena Library lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Wadena Library** - November 07, 2017 at 01:25 PM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Missy Tabery - November 07, 2017 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ *Char Stemson lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



char stemson - November 06, 2017 at 10:24 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Esther and Alan Freitag - November 06, 2017 at 08:42 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Gladys Chase - November 06, 2017 at 08:17 PM

RY

“ *Very sorry to hear of Delores's passing. She was a great lady and she WAS Queen of the Radio Call-In Contests. She will be missed.*



**Rick and Linda Youngbauer** - November 06, 2017 at 04:27 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Dixie Murray** - November 06, 2017 at 02:11 PM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Margaret & Peter Van Erp** - November 06, 2017 at 11:20 AM

DA

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Delores. God bless our memories of this lovely faith-filled lady & bring comfort to her beloved family. 🙏.*



**Di Schiller Anderson** - November 06, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JB

“ We were so shocked to hear of Delores' passing. We enjoyed getting to know her and Milt through church. Our sincere sympathy. Keep the memories and may God wrap his arms around you at this sad time Jim and Lorie



Jim & Lorie Baron - November 06, 2017 at 09:33 AM

CT

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Crystal (Cunningham) Thielke - November 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

CT

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Crystal (Cunningham) Thielke - November 06, 2017 at 08:20 AM

MR

“ Mark & Brenda Reger lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham



Mark & Brenda Reger - November 06, 2017 at 07:55 AM

RR

“ Rachele Reese lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham



Rachele Reese - November 05, 2017 at 08:11 PM

TK

“ Tammie Klawitter sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores Cunningham



Tammie Klawitter - November 05, 2017 at 07:48 PM

SP

“ Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham



Sandi Pratt - November 05, 2017 at 07:38 PM

LS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of this beautiful and sweet lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers



Lowell & Vonnie Stewart - November 05, 2017 at 07:15 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Marladene Heinen - November 05, 2017 at 07:03 PM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Doug and Joan Ostlund - November 05, 2017 at 06:54 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Bob & Donna Haman - November 05, 2017 at 06:06 PM

NR

“ *Nancy & Harry Rach lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



Nancy & Harry Rach - November 05, 2017 at 02:00 PM

NA

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Delores. She was such a wonderful lady. I had the pleasure of working with her for several years. I have a painting that she gave to me many years ago, still hanging up in my house. What a remarkable lady. She will be missed by so many people! I loved her so much. My sympathy to all of her family.*

**Nancy** - November 05, 2017 at 02:03 PM

DK

“ *Dan & Beth Kern lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Dan & Beth Kern** - November 05, 2017 at 01:44 PM

JD

“ *Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Janice Denny** - November 05, 2017 at 01:29 PM

SO

“ *Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



**Sharyl olson** - November 05, 2017 at 01:12 PM

RT

“ *Rich & Marilyn Trout sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Rich & Marilyn Trout** - November 05, 2017 at 11:51 AM

RM

*Delores touched our lives in so many ways: good neighbor, wonderful friend, dinners shared, playing cards & homemakers just to name a few. What a wonderful woman. We will miss her Our Sympathy to the Cunningham family*

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**Rich & Marilyn** - November 05, 2017 at 11:54 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Delores Cunningham*



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**Bob & Phyllis Wilkening** - November 05, 2017 at 09:52 AM

ST

“ *My sympathies to Milt and the family.*



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**Sue Theisen** - November 05, 2017 at 08:33 AM

RJ

“ *What a shock to hear about Delores. I just visited her on Friday and brought her 3 yellow roses. I am so thankful I had that chance to see her one last time. She was a good friend and I will miss her. My sympathy to Milt and the whole family.*

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**Rose Johnson** - November 05, 2017 at 12:20 AM

DN

“ *I am so sorry to learn of your passing Mrs. Cunningham. You were such a sweet and caring lady. You will be greatly missed!*



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**Deb Nelson** - November 04, 2017 at 08:23 PM

MF

“ *My sympathy to the Cunningham family.*



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**marie fraune** - November 04, 2017 at 07:58 PM