



Darlene Mae Armstrong

October 12, 1933 - May 31, 2026

Darlene Mae Armstrong, 92 years, passed away peacefully at home on May 31, 2026 surrounded by the love of her family.

Darlene was born October 12, 1933, to Fred and Clara Lullmann. She grew up on their family farm and was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, where she also attended grade school. She graduated from Truesdale High School in 1951.

On April 2, 1952, she was united in marriage to Robert Dean Armstrong.

They were blessed with six daughters: Cindera Lou, Debra Kay (deceased in infancy), Pamela Sue, Joni Lynn, Lori Ann, and Diane Louise (deceased in infancy).

Darlene became the heart and soul of the Armstrong farm alongside her husband. Together they built a life rooted in hard work, faith, and deep affection for the land and each other. After 57 years of marriage, Robert preceded her in death in 2009, but their love story continued to live on through the family they cherished.

Darlene was a devoted mother to her four daughters, pouring her heart into raising them with strength, kindness, and Midwestern values. She took

tremendous joy in her role as grandmother, and great-grandmother, always ready with a warm hug, a listening ear, and a plate of homemade goodies. Her family was her greatest pride and the center of her world.

She had a special love for mowing the lawn, and for her flower gardens, spending countless happy hours tending to her acreage. Her gardens were a reflection of her own spirit - vibrant, resilient, and full of beauty. Whether it was watching the seasons change across the Iowa fields or simply sitting on the glider enjoying a quiet moment, Darlene loved life and found joy in the everyday blessings around her.

She will be remembered as a gentle, gracious woman whose quiet strength and loving presence touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. Darlene lived a full and beautiful life leaving behind a legacy of love and faith that will continue to bloom in the hearts of her family for generations to come.

She is survived by her four daughters, Cindy Wenell of Independence, MN, Pam (Terry) Dix, of Thousand Oaks, CA, Joni (Tom) Aronson of Albert City, IA, Lori (Mark) Nehring of Alta, IA, her grandchildren; Heidi (Brent) Foster of Rockford, MN, Jennifer (Jason) Billman of Lithia, FL, Jason (Teresa) Wenell of Independence, MN, Matt (Bethany) Wenell of Plymouth, MN, Michael Dix of Irvine, CA, Amanda (Elliot) Nielsen of Omaha, NE, Clayton (Megan) Aronson of Prole, IA, Joe (Victoria) Aronson of Coralville, IA, Sara (Ben) Eldridge of Paullina, IA, Katelyn (Bear) Chanchom of Storm Lake, IA, Lacey (Jon) Robson of Mound, MN, 29 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her two infant daughters, and Son-in-law, Don Wenell, parents, Fred and Clara Lullmann, Elmer & Max Lullmann, Ruth & Bob Strock, Dorothy & Jim Anderson, Merlyn & Esther Armstrong, Wayne Armstrong, Father-and-Mother-in-law Orville Clinton and

Leora Armstrong, and other loved ones.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date, followed by interment in Storm Lake Cemetery.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to all who shared in Darlene's life and offered comfort and prayers during this difficult time. We would like to offer special thanks to the St. Croix Hospice team members who treated her (and her family) with such loving care as if she was their own. She will be deeply missed, but forever remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ *A sweet lady, through and through. I'm sure anyone that knew her, left as better people for knowing Darlene. May God comfort all in our memories of her.*

Erik "Hondo" and Mariellen Mosbo - June 16 at 12:58 PM

BM

“ *MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DARLENE ARMSTRONG;*

DARLENE WAS ONE CLASS AHEAD OF ME AT TRUESDALE HIGH SCHOOL. I REMEMBER HER AS POSITIVE, SOFT-SPOKEN, KIND, AND TO ALL CLASSMATES. AS I VIEW HER PHOTOGRAPH, THE YEARS HAVE BEEN KIND TO HER. AFTER HIGH, OUR PATHS SELDOM CROSSED. I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED HER TO HAVE PROVIDED HER FAMILY AS HER NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. MAY DARLENE R I P. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY. PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL.

*SINCERELY,
BONNIE MESTER*

BONNIE MESTER - June 06 at 06:26 PM

AS

“ *After hour shop purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darlene Mae Armstrong.*



After hour shop - June 05 at 09:01 PM

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“ After hour shop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Mae Armstrong.

After hour shop - June 05 at 09:01 PM

BE

“ Prayers to the family! 🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Erickson - June 05 at 02:19 PM

MB

“ This made me sad to read, your mom was the sweetest kindest lady and I know you will all miss her dearly. Hugs and love to each one of you ❤️.

Marsha and Carl Boyd - June 04 at 11:03 AM

JL

“ Julie Lullman lit a candle in memory of Darlene Armstrong



Julie Lullman - June 03 at 07:27 PM

DJ

“ Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Darlene Armstrong



Deb and Kevin Jesse - June 03 at 07:18 PM



“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Darlene Armstrong



Cheryl DeMan - June 03 at 07:17 PM



“ Shelly Schossow lit a candle in memory of Darlene Armstrong



Shelly Schossow - June 03 at 04:14 PM