



## Darlene Bjerke

September 20, 1934 - August 15, 2010

Darlene Mae Sorby was born on September 20, 1934 at Ft. Ransom, ND, the daughter of Arthur and Emma (Gyldenvand) Sorby. She attended Birkliid School near Kathryn, ND before going to school in Ft. Ransom.

On October 19, 1951, Darlene married Edwin Bjerke in Webster, SD. They made their home near Kathryn and in 1953, moved to Valley City, ND. She worked as a receptionist in Dr. Neil McDonald's office. In 1992, they moved to Ft. Ransom where they painted numerous buildings and she cooked at the Senior Citizens Center. They moved back to Valley City in 2000.

Darlene was an excellent cook. She especially liked making Norwegian foods. Entertaining guests for coffee and goodies was something she enjoyed. Her hobbies also included embroidery and doing crossword and word search puzzles. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Valley City and Preston Lutheran Church rural Kathryn. Darlene taught Sunday School for many years and was active in Ladies Aid. She belonged to the VFW Auxiliary and was formerly a member of the KP Auxiliary.

Darlene died August 15, 2010 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City. She is survived by her husband, Edwin of Valley City; son, Gene (Nancy) Bjerke of Valley City; grandchildren, Anthony (Michelle) Bjerke, Emily (Dillon) Barclay, Lena (Steve) Ternes, and Jarred Bjerke; a great grandson, Jonathan Ternes; a brother, Kermit (Arlys) Sorby of Nome, ND; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Sorby of Ft. Ransom; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Michael Bjerke; and brother, Curtis Sorby.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene was like a grandma to me. i will miss her wonderful smile, and caring heart.##imported-begin##karen sailer##imported-end##*

August 23, 2010 at 07:07 PM



“ *We are so sorry we missed the funeral, Darlene was a beautiful person and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Woody and Chris Westerhausen##imported-end##*

August 23, 2010 at 03:54 PM



“ *Dear Darlene, I am so glad I got to see you the last few times I was home recently. As long as I can remember, you were in my life, and my whole Dahl family loved, admired and respected you so much. I will always see your beautiful face, picture that huge smile, hear your rich laugh, and also hear you saying: "Uff- Dah!." No one said it quite like you did. You always remembered me over the years, and in this big world, you still treated me like someone special. Even though the past year was difficult, you still made your ring cakes that I loved for me, and sent them here to San Diego last Christmas, like you always have over the years. Amazing! You were part of our family, and my adopted aunt. I will miss you and love you always. Eddie, Gene, and family are all in our prayers. We thank God for you, Darlene.##imported-begin##ReNae Dahl Cooper##imported-end##*

August 21, 2010 at 01:55 AM



“ *Darlene, I will miss you more than you will ever know. You have always been so special to me and one of my most favorite people on earth. I wish I could hug you one more time, but as you go on your journey, know we love you and look forward to seeing you again. With all our love and prayers, go in peace my good friend!*

*Love Howard & Mia##imported-begin##Howard & Mia Larson##imported-end##*

August 20, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Darlen, you will be missed by all of us so dearly. Our thoughts from here on out are with Eddy and the rest of your family. I will always love and miss you. *MAS5* *imported-begin* *brenda sledge* *imported-end*”

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August 20, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ Darlene will be greatly missed. I loved her energy and enthusiasm. Some of my favorite memories are the get togethers at their Ft. Ransom home. My sincere sympathies to Darlene's family.

Love,

*Melissa* *imported-begin* *Melissa Johnson* *imported-end*”

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August 20, 2010 at 02:14 PM



“ Gene Nancy and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. One thing with moms, leave us with many memories that we can cherish for a lifetime. Your mom was a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

*Linda* *imported-begin* *Linda Leick* *imported-end*”

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August 18, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ Gene, Nancy & Family,  
I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. May the memories you have made throughout her life be with you always.

Barb & Dennis Orner

*Fargo ND* *imported-begin* *Barb Orner* *imported-end*”

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August 17, 2010 at 09:49 AM



“ Eddie, Gene, Nancy and families,

*I was saddened to hear of Darlene's passing. I have adored Darlene and Eddie all my life. I have know them forever, they always would tell me the story of how I would run away to their house when I was only 2 years old. I will cherish the many memories that I have of Darlene, most of which came from Dr. Neil's office.*

*Prayer's to you all,*

*Wendy (Lee) Gullickson*

*Spiritwood, ND##imported-begin##Wendy Gullickson##imported-end##*

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August 16, 2010 at 02:15 PM