



## Darlene Joann Short

May 4, 1936 - December 24, 2019

Darlene Joann (Hammersmith) Short was born May 4, 1936 in Dazey, ND, the daughter of Arnold and Amelia (Tombarge) Hammersmith. She attended elementary and high school in Dazey. Following her high school graduation, she attended Valley City State University earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1958.

August 17, 1958 Darlene was united in marriage to Esley Short in the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. They then moved to Berthold, ND where she taught at Fort Berthold School for three years before making Luverne, ND their home. In Luverne, Darlene taught first and second grade for many years. She also taught in the high school until it closed and returned to the elementary school where she taught and became the lead educator. When the Luverne Elementary school closed, Darlene retired from teaching.

Following her retirement, Darlene enjoyed making arts and crafts then traveling to different craft shows with Esley to sell her merchandise. Known for her kind heart and love of cats, all of her cats in town were well fed and especially her "Kitty" will miss her dearly.

Darlene is survived by her husband Esley of 61 years; son Ty (Julie) Short of Plymouth, MN; two granddaughters; and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Delores Swenson and a brother, Donald Hammersmith.

Darlene passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at CHI Mercy Health, Valley City, ND. The funeral service will be 10:30 am, Monday, December 30 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Dazey with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Dazey Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Dazey Cemetery

Dazey, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Dazey, ND

## Funeral Service

DEC 31. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Dazey, ND

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Breeze and Ty, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person. I was planning on coming to Dazey but the roads are still so icy here. You are in my thought. When Vikki was like 3 or 4 it must have been at a craft show not sure where but Vikki had fallen in love with this furry yellow foot pillow and Bugga bought it for her she just thought she should have it. she loved it.  
Sharon Eggert

Sharon Eggert - December 30, 2019 at 08:58 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry i won't be able to make it! Jamestown is in the process of digging out after this last snowstorm. I loved her very much and sad to hear the news. She will be missed dearly! Love you guys! Take care of Uncle Beeze! Hope to see you all soon! Diane Brandenburger

Diane S Brandenburger - December 30, 2019 at 08:41 PM

AN

“ Darlene would always say a HELLO with a big smile. I'll always think of her as a very nice and caring woman .



Arlene Nelson - December 29, 2019 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ So sad to hear of Darlene's passing. Fond memories of Darlene and her family.  
My prayers are with all of you.



John Stranger - December 28, 2019 at 04:36 PM

DS

“ I have many fond memories of Darlene: I remember the day she moved to Luverne and I kept driving by on my bike to check out my new 2nd grade teacher and family to all the vacations our families spent together at Detroit Lakes, MN and picnics at lake Ashtabula. We were neighbors many years and are fortunate to have these memories forever. We will miss you Darlene!

Donna Rasmussen Schutt - December 28, 2019 at 02:34 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Rasmussen Schutt - December 27, 2019 at 11:34 PM

AN

Very nice

Arlene Nelson - December 29, 2019 at 08:01 PM

TP

Love this ❤️

Tena Pederson - December 31, 2019 at 05:46 AM

GP

“ Darlene was my brother's (Alan Paulsen) best friend and neighbor in Luverne. Their evening discussions provided him with the type emotional support that cannot be measured and Darlene will be sorely missed.

Gerald Paulsen

Gerald Paulsen - December 27, 2019 at 05:34 PM

DG

Darlene was very helpful to me as I started my teaching career at Luverne. Even though I have not seen her in many years I have fond memories of her. She will be missed by many.

Deb Gulmon

Deb Gulmon - December 28, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Joann Short.



December 27, 2019 at 04:16 PM

KM

“ *Esley and Tye my heart and love are with you. Darlene was such a wonderful neighbor all the years I lived in Luverne. She was always busy either flowers and keeping the buildings painted and fresh. I really enjoyed working with her at Rockin Rodneys.! We shared many laughs and tears over the years. She will be so missed but always in our hearts.*

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**Kim Mueller** - December 27, 2019 at 03:24 PM

SF

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of Darlene as our parent's knew her well. God bless, sincerely the children of Karl and Janet Burkhart.*

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**sandra fliflet** - December 27, 2019 at 09:58 AM

JK

“ *I will always remember how active and loving Mrs. Short was. Each time she was visiting my next door neighbor, I would visit with her. Ty, I am so sorry for your loss; just know she is looking down on you to give you strength and continuous love.*

*Love,  
Judy*

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**Judy Kluempke** - December 27, 2019 at 03:31 AM



Mary Jensen

*So sorry for your loss Esley and Ty and families! May God provide you with strength and peace! I enjoyed my years of teaching with both Esley and Darlene!  
Love to all,  
Randy and Mary Jensen*

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**Mary Jensen** - December 30, 2019 at 04:18 PM

SS

*What wonderful memories I cherish of playing with Darlene and you,Esley when we would come to Dazey to visit my Grandparents, Charley and Betty Peterson.You would be waiting for us to arrive while sitting on your motorscooter! All the Dazey treated us like Royals! Much love for you all! Shirley Burchill Sannes!*

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**Shirley "Burchill" Sannes** - February 05, 2020 at 09:37 PM

TL

“ *Darlene or as I always called her Mrs. Short was a wonderful lady and will be missed so much, I've know her almost all my life she was such a Blessing, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

*Love  
Tammie Lende*

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**Tammie Lende** - December 26, 2019 at 10:43 PM

MB

“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our condolences. Sincerely, Doug and Marcia Beglau*

Marcia Beglau - December 26, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Joann Short.*



December 26, 2019 at 07:06 PM