



## Darlene Marie Grimes

August 11, 1948 - October 13, 2016

Darlene Marie Grimes, age 67, of Des Moines, passed away on October 13, 2016, at her home under the care of Mercy Hospice.

Darlene was born on August 11, 1949 to Paul and Geraldine (Flahive) in Ottumwa, Iowa. She grew up and attended Twin Cedars High School, graduating with the class of 1967. After high school she attended IBM school in Kansas City and received training to operate a keypunch machine.

Darlene worked at the Meredith Corporation before taking a job at Pioneer Seed. She worked at Pioneer for 20 years until she went to work for Prairie Meadows in Altoona and finally Wells Fargo until she retired in 2014. Darlene enjoyed fishing, league bowling, and playing softball for the Raiders and Bomberette's in her fast pitch softball league. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan. Her real joy in life was spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by her mother, Geraldine Grimes of Albia; her life partner, Arlis Murra of Des Moines; two brothers, Jeffrey (Mary) Grimes of Lovilia and Mark (Sally) Grimes of Marysville, IA; a sister, Beverly (Scott) Selby of Colorado Springs, CO and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Paul R. Grimes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 17, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Darlene's family present from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet relatives and friends. A 6:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and a wake service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Mercy Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

OCT 17. 6:30 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
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## **Rosary**

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Marie Grimes*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Darlene Marie Grimes*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about Darlene. I have many memories growing up with her being neighbors. I will always remember her big smile. My prayers are with you ,*

*Pat (Morgan) Grimm*

Patricia grimm - October 17, 2016 at 08:27 AM



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



October 15, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“ *I worked with Darlene at Prairie Meadows and she sure did keep us going. Love her a lot. R.I.P. you will never be forgotten*

Peggy Maschke - October 15, 2016 at 12:17 PM

 Moni Hart

“ I think I have known Darlene my whole life, she has always had a smile on her face and love in her heart for everyone she meets, what an inspiration! Fly High Beautiful Angel!

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**Moni Hart** - October 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM

SO

“ At our last family reunion Darlene was standing next to me in the picture and we were laughing at her jokes as the camera snapped. I thought then how brave she was in the face of her cancer , so positive . We will miss her.

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**Sandy Olson** - October 14, 2016 at 10:56 PM

BS

“ Darlene was my sister and best friend. I was so fortunate to have her in my life for as long as I did. She added life to every room she entered. Even during her illness she made us laugh. May God wrap you in his love. Tell our loved ones, we miss them. Til we see each other again. Love you with all my heart!

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**Beverly Selby** - October 14, 2016 at 08:53 PM

RD

So sorry for your loss Bev, I will always remember Darlene's wonderful smile and laugh. God bless Darlene and you and your family.

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**Randy Derby** - October 14, 2016 at 10:56 PM

TM

Sad news Bev and Family my prayers to all of you going forward I know you have many wonderful memories of Darlene. God Bless Tim & Diane McCombs

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**Tim McCombs** - October 14, 2016 at 11:25 PM

KE

“ Had the privilege to work with Darlene back in the late 90 ' s early 2000 . What a heart of gold for sure. Have not seen her in a few years but I can tell she never lost that great smile. RIP DARLENE till we meet again .

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**Kevin** - October 14, 2016 at 05:33 PM