Darlene Hoyt, age 81, died Saturday, March 1, 2025, at her home in McHenry, ND.

Darlene Phyllis Harding was born on March 25, 1943, in Durant, Oklahoma, to Ralph and Ann Harding, while Ralph was working road construction. She grew up on a farm north of McHenry and attended school at McHenry. She always talked about milking cows. She loved going to Darin's farm during calving season and when baby horses were born.

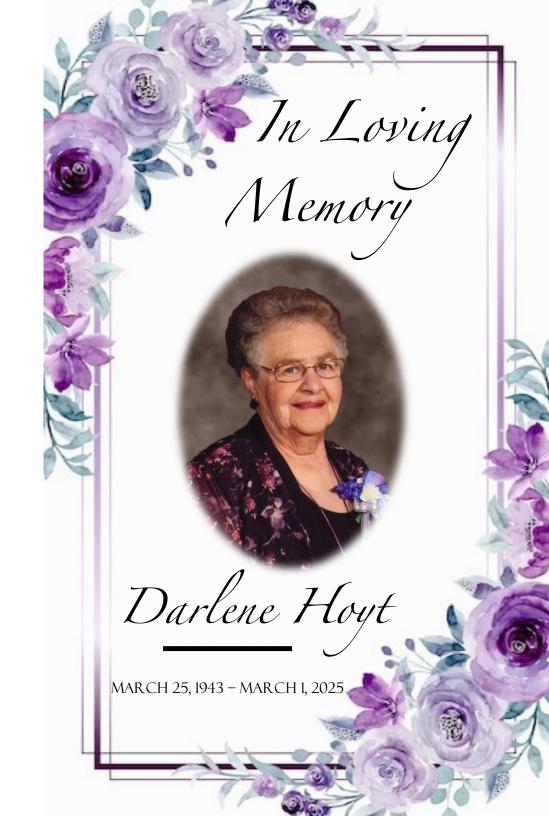
In November 1960, Darlene was united in marriage to LuVerne Hoyt in McHenry. They were married for 61 years before LuVerne passed away on October 29, 2021. Darlene continued to live in McHenry until her death.

Through the years, she worked at the McHenry cream station, babysat for several families, had a consignment store in her basement, worked at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford, worked at the senior citizen center, was caretaker of a hunting lodge, and spent many hours in the butcher shop with LuVerne. Keeping everyone fed was what brought her the most pride and joy. She looked forward to kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids popping in for something to eat. She could whip up a meal in 15 minutes. Darlene was known for her fresh buns, apple cake with caramel sauce, cookies, brownies, and fried potatoes. She always had a scoop of ice cream for the kids. Darlene spent many hours listening to old-time country music. She spent many hours in her garden and on her riding lawn mower.

Darlene was a life-long member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McHenry.

She is survived by her daughter, Vonnie (Jim) Johnsrud; two sons, Darin (Kathy) Hoyt and Leon (Tonia) Hoyt; her grandchildren, Blaine (Jennifer) Hovland, Christopher (Becky) Hovland, Wyatt (Aliyah) Hoyt, Laine (Jakenda Short) Hoyt, Levi Hoyt, Brody Hoyt, and Kade Hoyt; greatgrandchildren, Beau, Casey, & Anna Hovland, Luke, Liam & Lawson Hovland, and Quinn Hoyt; a brother, Ronald (Lois) Harding; a sister Judy Hoyt; two sisters-in-law Sherry Harding and Skeeter (Harlan) Sigdahl; one brother-in-law Mugs (Peggy) Hoyt; several nieces & nephews, including a special niece, Beth Harding.

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, LuVerne; grandson Dustin Hovland; her parents; one sister Myrna (Jerome) Ronholm; one brother Richard Harding; and two brothers-in-law Milton (Carol) Hoyt and Hartley Hoyt.



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.





Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art
with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Celebrating A Life Well Lived

Darlene Phyllis Hoyt

March 25, 1943 – Durant, OK March 1, 2025 – McHenry, ND

VISITATION

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1:00PM - 2:00PM Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McHenry, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 2:00PM Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McHenry, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Russ Christiansen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Go Rest High On That Mountain ~ Vince Gill

Congregational Hymns Amazing Grace On Eagle's Wings

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Blaine Hovland ~ Christopher Hovland ~ Wyatt Hoyt Laine Hoyt ~ Levi Hoyt ~ Brody Hoyt ~ Kade Hoyt

BURIAL

Bethlehem Cemetery McHenry, ND Burial Will Take Place At A Later Date

Arrangements by
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