



## Darlene I. Baye

October 15, 1939 - July 15, 2024

Darlene Irene Baye, 84, of Kearney, passed away Monday, July 15, 2024 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, NE. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2024 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Graveside service and interment will follow at Masonic Cemetery in Philip, SD on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Darlene Irene Baye was born on October 15, 1939 to Robert and Tillila (Eisenbraun) Denke in New Underwood, SD. She lived in Creighton until age 10 then moved to Wall, SD. She graduated in 1957 from Wall High School and attended Concordia Teachers College in Seward, NE for one year. She married Kenneth Baye on June 28, 1959. She spent most of her life in Philip, SD. She worked as a waitress for several years and taught at the Hilland Country School for 2 years (1962-1964). She worked at Philip Hospital from December 1970 until retirement in June of 2007. She was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Philip from 1959 until she moved to Kearney in July, 2015 and was treasurer for the LWML in Philip for many years. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. She was a member of the Bad River Dance Club in the 1980's and loved to dance. She also enjoyed bowling for several years.

She is survived by two sons, Steve Baye and wife Karen of Kearney, NE;

Scott Baye and wife Donna of Philip, SD; 2 Brothers Glenn Denke, Norris, SD and Paul Denke and wife Lurene, Pierre, SD; 2 Sisters Joyce Hart, Philip, SD, Eileen Torkelson and husband Orrin, Wall, SD; 2 grandchildren Joseph Baye, Fort Worth, TX and Matthew Baye and wife Hannah, Lincoln, NE; 1 great grandson August: Two sisters-in-law Muriel Denke San Diego, CA, Betty LaBeau and husband Sonny, Philip SD, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister Luella; brother William Denke, brothers-in-law Dave Hart and Tom Baye; sister-in-law Barb Baye and Granddaughter Crystal Baye.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Muriel, Billy, and Noelle Denke purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene I. Baye.* ”



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**Muriel, Billy, and Noelle Denke** - July 17, 2024 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Scott and Steve: So sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a sweet and kind lady.* ”

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**Vicki (Dean) Swanson** - July 17, 2024 at 04:37 PM

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“ *Sending thoughts and prayers. She was such a kind and sweet lady. May she fly high with Jesus.* ”



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**Tiffany** - July 16, 2024 at 10:33 AM