



Darlene Pawlowski

June 20, 1934 - March 3, 2018

Darlene Pawlowski, age 83, passed away at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive, Montana on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, Montana. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the First Lutheran Church with Pastor Wade Brinkopf officiating. Interment will follow in Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Darlene was born in Glendive, Montana, on June 20, 1934, to Heinrich and Ruth (Lokken) Heide. She joined her brother, Dale, and later her sister, Helen. They lived on two different farms south of Circle. The first farm they lived on had a large hip roof barn with a staircase that led to the hay loft. Many neighborhood gatherings were held in the barn with the adults dancing all night and the children falling asleep in the hay loft.

Darlene rode horseback or rode in a one horse two wheeled buggy to get to the two country schools that she attended, Lower Summit School and Washington School. She went on to Circle High School where she met a dashing young cowboy from north of town by the name of Leo Jensen. Darlene and Leo were married on June 5, 1952, and had four children Lora, Lonny, Lila and Les.

Leo was in the Marines and when first married, they lived in California until Leo's discharge. Then Leo and Darlene lived on the Jensen family farm where

they raised small grains, cattle and sheep. Darlene loved to cook and sew making many of the family's clothes. Later she switched to making quilts and made sure everyone in the family had a quilt. Darlene and Leo loved to square dance and spent many weekends dancing with friends. Darlene made her own square dance dresses and shirts for Leo. Leo passed away in 1985. Darlene began dating local farmer and rancher, Wayne Pawlowski. Darlene and Wayne were married on February 1, 1986, and the dancing continued. Wayne played the steel guitar and almost every weekend was spent making music and dancing. They lived on a farm west of Circle, and every winter they spent a couple of months in the eastern and southern states sightseeing, visiting family, golfing and, of course, dancing. Darlene was a member of the First Lutheran Church, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Friendship Homemakers Club and was a 4-H Leader. Wayne passed away in December 2014, and Darlene moved to the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in February 2015.

Darlene is survived by her brother, Dale (Jeannette) Heide, and her children: Lonny (Sharon) Jensen, Lila Hoffman and Les (Delores) Jensen. Stepchildren: Lonnie (Joan) Pawlowski, Rick Pawlowski, Cheryl (Joe) Breitbach and Lynn Glick. Grandchildren: Rhiannon (Bob) Beery and Ryley, Brytta and Kyn; Karly (Cavin) Steiger and Abry, Elise and Evan; Tiana Jensen; Shane Hoffman; Marc Hoffman; and Sam Hoffman. Darlene was blessed with numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

Darlene is preceded in death by her first husband, Leo Jensen; second husband, Wayne Pawlowski; daughter, Lora Jensen; parents, Heinrich and Ruth Heide; sister, Helen Savidge; and brother-in-law, Bob Savidge.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home for the loving care they gave Mom.

Memorials in Darlene's honor may be made to First Lutheran Church of Circle or the charitable organization of your choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Circle, MT 59215

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

First Lutheran Church
1200 Avenue C
Circle, MT 59215

Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church
1200 Avenue C
Circle, MT 59215

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Pawlowski*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I have so many memories of time spent on the farm with the family. The one year I was in 4-H, my Mom didn't have time to help me make cookies for the fair. Darlene had me come out for the day and we baked all day. It was a day I will never forget. I always enjoyed my time with Lonnie, Lora, Lila & Les! Darlene will be missed!*

Marlys Schara Lee - March 15, 2018 at 11:41 PM



“ *Lonnie, Sharon and the rest of the family, Bugs and I are sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers*

Jeanne (Malmend) Loberg - March 15, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of Darlene Pawlowski*



Carole J. Diede - March 09, 2018 at 02:19 PM

PS

“ Lonny, Lila, Les and Families
I remember Darlene as always so gracious, kind and smiling and dancing. When we moved to Circle, it was the square dances with Leo and our folks and later, dances with Wayne. It seemed like every time I got back to Circle, I would be blessed to run into Darlene somewhere and we would have a visit. I have many good memories of that special lady. My sincere condolences to you all. - Patti (Berger) Soares

Patti Soares - March 07, 2018 at 08:40 PM

GB

“ Lonny, Lila, Les, and families,
I have many fond memories of your mother, Darlene, whether it be hanging out at the farm with you guys or hitting the square dances with the folks. She always like to have fun! She was a very special lady with a very generous heart and contagious laugh. She will be missed by all. My sincerest condolences to you all during this difficult time.

Greg Berger - March 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

CH

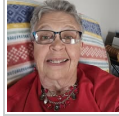
My condolences to the entire family. I spent many nights out on the farm growing up and always enjoyed the entire family. Darlene was always such a lively lady with a beautiful smile for everyone! God rest her sweet soul.... <3

Cheryl Hance - March 07, 2018 at 02:08 PM

RP

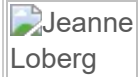
sorry for your loss, Darlene was always patient and kind to all, I'm sure she saved Lester and myself from the Rathert of Leo on more than one occasion. As each one of our parents pass I realize that I have been very bless'd by the people I have known during my life. May your hearts be healed by sharing good memories of Darlene as your families gather to honor her life.

Russell Pederson - March 07, 2018 at 08:40 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

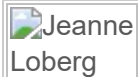
Anita Thorgaard Wheatley - March 07, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *Jeanne Loberg lit a candle in memory of Darlene Pawlowski*



Jeanne Loberg - March 07, 2018 at 08:24 AM



“ *Lonny, Sharon and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bugs and Jeanne Loberg*

Jeanne Loberg - March 07, 2018 at 08:23 AM

M.

To all of Darlenes family. So sorry for your loss. I can not remember a time that I met your mom when she wasn't smiling. She was one of the nicest people I have ever known. I'm sure

Marge moore . - March 07, 2018 at 02:22 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Darlene Pawlowski*



Janette Legato - March 07, 2018 at 12:56 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Pawlowski.*



March 06, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *I am so sad to see this this morning. Sharon and Lonnie, I was so blessed to work with your beautiful mother, grandmother and friend to many, at the EMVH for three months and she truly was one of my days biggest gifts of blessing. Gosh I loved her! The smile she had and the hugs we exchanged every single time I walked in the room is something I will never forget. God bless you all during this difficult time.*

Jo Bain

jo bain - March 05, 2018 at 12:08 PM



Lonnie and all of your family I'm so sad to hear of your Mom's passing!! She was such a great person, she always has such a great smile and neat laugh! I will always keep her in my mind and will keep your family in my thoughts in the future.

joyce hogan - March 07, 2018 at 07:39 PM



Lonny, Sharon and family, Thinking of you during your time of sorrow. Darlene made us feel welcome n Circle and always had time to stop for a chat. A very special lady.

Claudia & Claude Carlson - March 07, 2018 at 10:24 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of
Darlene Pawlowski*



linda deines - March 04, 2018 at 07:50 PM