



Darlene Kiefer

July 13, 1939 - October 22, 2017

Darlene Mae Kiefer of Fort Collins, beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away October 22, 2017.

She was born on July 13, 1939 to Clement Peatrowsky and Ida Ortmeier. Darlene grew up with six brothers and sisters on a farm in West Point, Nebraska. They all have stories of the many antics with the cows, chickens and each other. Just ask them!

Darlene was married to Edward Kiefer on February 16, 1958 in Fort Collins at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church.

Their first daughter, Karen, was born on November 19, 1958. Their second daughter, Rita, was born on September 28, 1959. Their son, Michael, was born on April 10, 1967.

Darlene's love of books drew her to working in her children's school libraries and later a bookstore. She was able to share paperback books with many friends and family from the bookstore during those years since she was allowed to take them after the front cover was removed for inventory.

She volunteered at local nursing homes and brought comfort to many of the elderly through the years.

Darlene loved picnics and hikes in the mountains and spent lots of time taking walks with friends and family.

She was the best cook in the whole world, according to her family. And to this day they haven't found anyone who could make an apple pie as good as hers.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Edward; her daughter, Rita; her son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Brandy; son-in-law, Jim; granddaughter, Jessica; granddaughter, Rebecca; great grandchildren Blake and Kadence. She was preceded in death by daughter Karen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice, in care of Bohlender, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 2:30 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I remember as a child when our family came to Colorado for a vacation Uncle Ed and Aunt Darlene would made it special by planning trips to the Garden of the Gods, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and Elitch Gardens. When Karen and I were playing on the piano, she made us feel as though we were playing at the Grand Ole Opry or some other famous venue. Karen had all the talent, I was just playing around. None the less, it was very special. Your infectious smile will be missed as much as you will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Love, Luis and Susan

Susan Cardona - October 28, 2017 at 01:05 PM

TC

“ I remember, as a little girl, meeting Aunt Darlene for the first time. This gentle soul with the most beautiful, warm smile. Mom always told me how much Aunt Darlene loved being close to Nature. You know, I think Nature loved being close to her even more. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rest with the angels. Love you.

Tina Console



Tina Console - October 26, 2017 at 04:03 PM

PP

“ You've always had a special place in my heart Darlene. And, in your brother's (Larry) heart. We had many sweet and sacred conversations. And it when it came to saying "good-bye" we both got a little tearful. The connection was special. Thank you for loving me and honoring my journey. Love always and forever,

Patty Peatrowsky

Patty Peatrowsky - October 26, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JG

“ My sister will be missed but always in our hearts. Will miss the walks around Grandview, the City Park Lake, taking pictures of the pelicans, ducks, eagles and numerous birds. Always amazed how much she loved seeing these animals. Going for rides in the mountains, little picnics and in earlier years hiking some. I will miss her every day of my life. She was a very special lady. Love you my dear sister.

Joanie and Jerry Graham and family

Joanie Graham - October 26, 2017 at 12:17 AM

MS

“ Darlene was a great sister, aunt, godmother, friend and family member. You will be truly missed and always in our hearts. Love you always

Shanahan family

matt shanahan - October 25, 2017 at 06:51 PM

LM

“ *Leticia Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kiefer*



Leticia Mendoza - October 25, 2017 at 11:49 AM