Darlene Janice Buer was born on August 24, 1947, in Willmar, Minnesota, to John and Olive (Anderson) Vikse. She grew up on a farm north of Willmar, attended a nearby country school, and graduated from Willmar High School in 1965. She was a hardworking farm girl and helped out with many chores on the farm, including milking cows. After graduation she studied Accounting at the Willmar Vo-tech while working at the movie theaters in Willmar. She worked hard to put herself through school. She landed her first accounting job at Coast to Coast in the Twin Cities and earned the title of Accountant Extraordinaire.

In 1971, she married Dwaine Buer from Atwater. They had two children, Rochelle and Janell, and made their home just outside of Atwater. Darlene was a homemaker, and her children valued the fact that their mom was home every day with them. When her kids were a little older, she worked one or two days a week as a bookkeeper for a couple small trucking companies and for Dwaine's Electrical business. She also earned the title of "gopher". When Dwaine would call, Darlene would "go for" parts and deliver them to where he was working. They made a good team in life and business.

She was active at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School and VBS, helped at Uff Da Day, Altar Guild, and was part of most every board at church. Her favorite was being part of the quilting group. Darlene enjoyed sewing not only quilts but also clothes for her girls when they were young. Family was very important to Darlene. She made her family, parents and in-laws a top priority in her life.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Dwaine; their daughters, Rochelle (Steve) Brecheisen of Bloomington and Janell Buer of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Hannah, Ashley, Josiah, and Samuel; sister, Joyce (Jim) Cillessen of Arvada, Colorado; brother, Jerome Vikse of Spicer, and many in-laws and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Celebrating the Life of



Darlene J. Buer

1947 - 2022

In Loving Memory Of

Darlene J. Buer

August 24, 1947 Willmar, Minnesota November 26, 2022 Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service Saturday, December 3, 2022 - 11:00 a.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church Atwater, Minnesota

> Officiating Pastor David Nelson

Music Pianist: Shirley Capistrant

Congregational Hymns: *"Amazing Grace" "Jesus Love Me" "Hark The Herald Angles Sing"*

Duet: Mike & Barb Buer "In The Bulb There Is A Flower"

Interment Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery Atwater, Minnesota

Arrangements By Peterson Brothers Juneral Home "Celebrating A Life Remembered"

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.