

*“But those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. “*

- Isaiah 40:31



Lovingly Remembered



Darlene Ann Smoldt
July 16, 1938—December 14, 2018

Darlene A. Smoldt, 80, of Grundy Center, passed away on Friday, December 14th at Creekside Living in Grundy Center, while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice, following a lengthy illness. A Celebration of Life will be held on (PLEASE NOTE DATE) Saturday, December 29th at 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Grundy Center, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM at the church. Interment will follow lunch at Lincoln Township Cemetery in Grundy Center. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice, 310 G Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638.

Darlene was born on July 16, 1938, on a farm near Parkersburg, to her parents William and Grace (Muller) Willms. She and her family grew up in the Dike area, where she attended school and later graduated with the class of 1956. After high school, Darlene attended the joint nursing program at Broadlawns Hospital and Drake University, where she received her License in Practical Nursing. On December 27, 1958, Darlene was united in marriage to Charles "Chuck" Smoldt at the First Baptist Church in Grundy Center. The couple then made their home in Alburnett, Iowa. While in Alburnett, Darlene and Chuck welcomed daughter Cynthia and son David into their family. The couple later relocated to Monticello, Iowa where Darlene worked as a dietician.

In 1966, Darlene and the family moved back to Chuck's family farm in Grundy Center. She worked many years as a homemaker in addition to working alongside her husband on the family farm. Darlene assisted with the day-to-day operations, whether it be helping with transportation or fixing meals! She was a staple to the farming operation. In 1985, Darlene returned to work in healthcare for Dr. Lantz in Waterloo. Later she began her job with EMSI, which specialized in insurance physicals and drug testing. Darlene became general manager of EMSI and retired in 2000, at the age of 62.

Darlene was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grundy Center. She was very involved at her church leading several bible studies, teaching Sunday school classes, singing in the choir as well as a women's trio. She was also a member of PEO and was active in the Christian Women's Club. She enjoyed flowers, landscaping, interior decorating and she loved to host social gatherings for her family and friends. Darlene was also known for selling turquoise and coral pieces of jewelry, after a trip to New Mexico peaked many local people's interest in the beautiful pieces she wore. Most importantly, her family came first. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and attended many of their activities. Darlene was upbeat, happy and always had a smile on her face. She is now smiling down on all of those she loved, and leaves behind.

Darlene is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Chuck Smoldt of Grundy Center; daughter Cynthia (Kent Hall) Smoldt-Hall of Clear Lake, IA and David (Alison) Smoldt of West Des Moines, IA; grandchildren Olivia Smoldt-Hall, Alexandra (Bret) Reyher and Matthew, Katherine and Caroline Smoldt; brothers Don (JoAnn) Willms and Dean (Mary) Willms; sisters-in-law Virginia Willms, Darlene Willms, Gloria Willms and Carolyn (Morris) Mikkelsen and brothers-in-law Craig Smoldt, Robert (Pam) Smoldt; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Edd, Jim, and Elmer Willms; father and mother-in-law Eldon and Frances Smoldt.

In Loving Memory ***Darlene Ann Smoldt***

Born Into Life

July 16, 1938

Parkersburg, Iowa

Entered Into the Lord's Presence

December 14, 2018

Grundy Center, Iowa

Funeral Service

Saturday, December 29, 2018

11:00 AM

First Baptist Church

Grundy Center, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Nathan Barkley

Pianists

Marcia Heronimus

David Belford

Words of Remembrance

Alexandra Reyher

Katherine Smoldt

Olivia Smoldt-Hall

Congregational Hymns

"Standing on the Promises"

(1st & last verse only)

"Amazing Grace"

(1st & last verse only)

Special Recorded Music

"I Can Only Imagine"-Mercy Me

(Prelude)

"Angels Calling"-The Tenors

(Recessional)

Casket Bearers

Matt Smoldt

Scott Willms

Larry Willms

Matt Bockes

Scott Mikkelsen

Jeff Willms

Rob Willms

Interment

Lincoln Township Cemetery

Grundy Center, Tama County

Please join Darlene's family for lunch in the church Fellowship Hall, immediately following the funeral service. At approximately 1:15, we will leave in procession for the cemetery.