

**Darlene Elsie Swenson**, age 83, of Alexandria, died unexpectedly on Thursday November 26, 2020, at the St. Cloud Hospital where she was awaiting pacemaker surgery. Darlene lived a long happy life and died peacefully in her sleep.

Darlene (Diedrich) Swenson was born on December 11, 1936, in Leaf Valley Township to Herbert and Violet (Freudenberg) Diedrich. She was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church in Effington Township. She lived on the family farm and went to country school. Upon completion of her schooling she began working as a waitress. Darlene was united in marriage to Clinton Swenson and they moved to New Mexico. Upon returning to Minnesota, Darlene worked several jobs as a waitress along with her fulltime job for over 20 years, at Juno Plastics in Alexandria until her retirement. Darlene worked hard all her life. She also had many passions; she loved reading, working on her embroidery making countless hand towels and watching TV; enjoying old favorites especially classic westerns. Darlene also enjoyed her trips to the casino, playing bingo, going to the family farm, and playing cards, marbles and numerous other games with her siblings and children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son Oscar; son-in-law Rick Borowicz; Five brothers; Kenneth, Norman, Reuben, Artin, David and sister Lois Johnson.

Darlene is survived by her six children; Shirley (Rick-deceased) Borowicz of New Richmond, WI, Loren of Parkers Prairie, Kim (Jerry) Anderson of Ham Lake, Allen of Farmington, Bob (Sue) of Parkers Prairie and Arnold of Garfield; 8 Grandchildren; Adam (Abbey) Borowicz, Randy Anderson, Nathan (Katie) Borowicz, Kayla Anderson, Brenda Bartness, Brittany (Matt) Gappa, Bradley Swenson, Brianna Swenson; and 12 Great-Grandchildren; 5 brothers; Oscar, Daniel (Rosemary), Donald, Dale and Bertram; 4 sisters; Delphine (Jim) Farley, Jane (Darold - deceased) Pflugradt, Lorraine (Ron) Anderson, Carol (Dean) Hollatz and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

## In Loving Memory



## Darlene Elsie Swenson 1936 - 2020

*In Memory of*

### **Darlene Elsie Swenson**

December 11, 1936 † November 26, 2020

#### **Celebration of Life**

St. James Lutheran Church  
South Effington Township, Minnesota  
Saturday, December 5, 2020

10:00 AM

#### **Officiant**

Reverend Scott Brown

**Organist** - Vickie Schauland

#### **Honorary Pall Bearers**

Adam Borowicz	Nathan Borowicz
Randy Anderson	Kayla Anderson
Brittney Gappa	Brad Swenson
Brianna Swenson	Brenda Bartness

#### **Interment**

St. James Lutheran Cemetery  
South Effington Township, Minnesota

*Sometimes, O Lord, When I cannot pray,*

*I sit very still with nothing to say.*

*But never the less, I know you are there.*

*I whisper your name, cause I know you care.*

*You know I am troubled with things on my mind,*

*And you know I've been weak and often unkind.*

*But, your spirit is with me right here in this home*

*And I know I never am walking alone.*