



Darlene Hinkins Ayer

May 18, 1928 - July 8, 2018

Belmont - Darlene (Harris) Hinkins Ayer of the small town of Belmont Wisconsin – Darlene Ayer, at 90 years old passed away peacefully, departing our world to take her place in her new heavenly home on July 8, 2018.

Darlene was born on May 18, 1928 the only child of John A. and Bernice (Mottley) Harris. She was raised on the family farm near Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

Years later, she fell in love with the love of her life, Wendell Hinkins. They married on September 3, 1946; they farmed near Belmont, raising their four daughters.

Wendell preceded Darlene in death on October 3, 1988. In the following years, Darlene would go on to marry Harold Ayer on June 23, 1991. The newly wedded couple resided in Belmont until December of 2012. Darlene moved to an assisted living community in Lincolnshire, IL near her daughter Becky and Harold moved to Fond du Lac to be closer to his children due to his failing health.

Darlene adored her family and friends, found pleasure in carefree moments on the highway with windows down and the radio turned up. She was a woman of elegance with a striking personality full of love, strength and

laughter. Her faith was strong and steadfast.

Darlene used to say that her greatest gift in life was raising her girls; for a woman that valued her legacy so much, she was sure to leave an impactful imprint on the hearts of all those in which she encountered and loved.

Darlene was survived by daughters, Sharon (Bob) Holtz of Marshall WI, Janice (Rex) Wakefield of Webb City, MO., Joy (Jay) Hollenberger of Mount Horeb, WI and Rebecca (Frank) Ponterio of Lake Forest, IL. Her grandchildren; Jennifer Holtz (Bill Buss), Cindy Woods (Matt Chitwood), Bobbi (Chris) Gorte, Brad (Shannon) Holtz, Jonathan (Ashley) Wakefield, Jason (Allie) Wakefield, Jordanna Wakefield (Tim Boos), Jessica Hollenberger (Kevin Beck), Justin Hollenberger (Jamie Shanahan), Jamie Hollenberger (Taylor Jarocki) and Isabella Ponterio. Her great grandchildren, Morgan and Kiley Washburn, Colt (Kendra Robinson) and Brandon Woods, Brielle and Avery Gorte, Camille and Brycen Holtz and Hudson and Cypress Wakefield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Wendell Hinkins, Harold Ayer and infant daughter Gail.

Her family would like to acknowledge the loving care she received the past few years at Warren Barr of Lincolnshire, IL and the special caregivers from Heartland Hospice.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Mineral Point. Pastor Rich McLeer will officiate. Burial will be held in Belmont Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Thursday at the CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Mineral Point.

Cemetery Details

Belmont Cemetery

300 County Road XX
Belmont, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
300 Maiden Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
300 Maiden Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
300 Maiden Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Hinkins Ayer*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *To all my HInkins cousins... Sherry, Jannie, Joy, and Becky. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember well all the wonderful times we had as silly children on the farm. Some of my absolute most cherished memories.*

I know you were all so good to your Mom and loved her to the fullest..

Be well and know I am thinking of you all.

Love Butch

Butch Hinkins - July 12, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Englander dZignPak purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Hinkins Ayer.*



Englander dZignPak - July 11, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darlene Hinkins Ayer.*



July 11, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlene Hinkins Ayer.*



July 11, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ *To Sherry, Becky, Joy and all of Darlene's family we hope you find peace that Darlene is at rest in heaven. We send our love and payers to you as you celebrate Darlene with loving memories.*

Love, Terry and Connie Hinkins

Terry Hinkins - July 11, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Hinkins Ayer.*



July 10, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Darlene was a very sweet lady.and was a friend of my mother June Buchs . I remember when She and Harold got married. I did the wedding flowers for them. Such a sweet couple. My sympathies to the family for your loss. (Sharon may remember me, its been a long time.)*

*Jean Buchs Bull
Platteville, Wi*

Jean Bull - July 10, 2018 at 10:05 AM

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“ *My sympathies to all of you. I remember your mother and was always fascinated by her. She was so elegant.*

Marilyn Schliem (Riechers) - July 10, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene Hinkins Ayer.*



July 09, 2018 at 10:39 PM