



Darlene Annette Ramsey

July 10, 1939 - May 4, 2015

Darlene Ramsey was born Darlene Annette Tuscher in Grand Rapids, South Dakota on July 10, 1939. There she grew up with her parents Felix and Doris, older brother Calvin and younger sister Phyllis. Upon the sudden passing of her father, the remaining family moved to Kalispell, Montana. They lived on the farm with their grandfather while attending school in town at St. Matthew Catholic School. Doris soon married Arthur Gilbertson, and with his family, they all built a house in town. Darlene attended Flathead High School and graduated 1957.

Darlene pursued an education in nursing and moved to Spokane, Washington to attend the Sacred Heart School of Nursing. With her degree, Darlene moved to Seattle and began her career as a registered nurse.

It was in Seattle where friends introduced her to the love of her life, Norman Ramsey, and they married on May 25th, 1965. Unable to have children of their own, they lovingly adopted two children through Catholic Community Services. Darlene worked part time for a while, but eventually decided to stay home with their children to give full attention to her family. Darlene volunteered at school, was the co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout troop, and kept busy with her children's activities. She was always up for an adventure with her family as they enjoyed hiking on the weekend, trips back to Montana or down to Oregon to visit family, camping, or vacations.

Darlene was a faith filled believer who enjoyed volunteering for her church in Seattle. She was a regular at Bible study and raised her children Catholic. She was also gifted with sewing, whether it was an outfit, pajamas, or even a prom dress. Darlene loved to craft, knit & crochet, and cross stitch. She was an avid reader who enjoyed getting out in her yard and making it beautiful.

As their children grew up, Darlene and Norman found themselves moving to Vancouver, Washington to be closer to family and especially their grandchildren. In these later years, Darlene remained involved in the church, was a doting grandmother, and still loved to be

creative both inside and outside.

On May 4th, 2015, Darlene suddenly lost her life to a ruptured aortic aneurism. She is survived by her brothers/Sisters-in-law Calvin and Dorothy Tuscher and Doug and Pat Gilbertson, son/daughter-in-law Kevin and Danyelle Ramsey, daughter/son-in-law Laura and Jason Preuitt, granddaughters Emma, Eleanor, Evelyn, and Amanda and grandson Ramsey. Remembrances and donations can be made in her honor to Catholic Charites.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Darlene's passing- I've been her dental hygienist for many years and always enjoyed visiting with her. She will be missed. Many prayers for the family.

Jen Ludwig - May 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I just moved to Salem last fall, and have been meaning to get in touch with Darlene. We were friends from the 8th grade through high school and lost touch. I am to be in Vancouver in a couple of weeks and decided to check Facebook for her. I am so sorry I was unable to see her. We had many fun times, including a trip with my father to Vancouver. Her nursing picture is exactly how I remember her. She was a beautiful person, and always smiling and pleasant. My prayers are with you. I also knew Doris, and it was her passing that I saw where Darlene lived. Blessings to all. Shirlie

Shirley David Plummer-Joseph - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss...sending you healing energy.

Bobbi D - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ Lots of great memories! Our best to the Ramsey family

Greg Zanghi - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I know how difficult this time is... keep her memories close to your heart and she will always be with you. You and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers.

Sheri Robison - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So many memories - I am grateful for the many times that helped mother me! What a wonderful lady... I am so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers go out to you all.

Chelsea Cameron - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Laura & Kevin and families, We are thinking of you during this time sending our love, as you go through this time.*

Kalispell, MT - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM