



Darlene Hogate

September 16, 1931 - March 22, 2020

(Doris) Darlene Hogate, 88, of Oskaloosa, died Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella. She was born September 16, 1931, in Oskaloosa, Iowa the daughter of George and Ruth (Cox) Voss. She graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1949. Following high school graduation, she worked in Oskaloosa, first at a women's clothing store, then for J.C. Penney, and later for a Jewelry store. On June 4, 1950, she was united in marriage to Martin Hogate in Oskaloosa. Following their marriage, they moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado where Martin was stationed in the United States Air Force. While in Colorado, Darlene worked at J.C. Penney. Upon Martin's discharge, they returned to Oskaloosa and started their family. To their union four children were born, Betty, Chuck, Roger and Linda. Darlene and Martin parted ways after many years of marriage. She spent her life cheerfully and tirelessly devoted to her family, including her siblings and their families. For several years she helped her sister, Carolyn, with the Annual Hope Dinners and painting. She was a caregiver to her parents and her son before they passed. She delighted in the simple pleasures of life like spending time with her children and grandchildren and enjoying a cup of coffee with visitors. She loved to bake, cook, and clean and everything she did she took great pride in doing it well. She always looked forward to family reunions and homemade ice cream. Darlene was an avid baker, she baked countless dozens of cookies that she would share around town. Her pies were delicious, and she frequently received requests for her sour cream raisin pie.

She was a woman of deep faith, she read her bible, enjoyed talking about scripture and followed the Lord's teachings. She was a genuine, kind and happy woman, a selfless giver who wanted nothing more than to help others, smile and share a laugh together. She made people feel good, she made them feel special, it was her gift. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Her surviving family includes her three children, Betty (Mike) Roeske of Sparta, Wisconsin, Chuck Hogate of Pella, Iowa, and Linda Hogate (Phil Swenson) of Fort Collins, Colorado; five grandchildren, Nicole Norton, Amy McHugh, Ben Sullivan, Keegan Sullivan, and Mallory Swenson; two great grandchildren, Briell McHugh and Preston McHugh; a sister, Donna Gordon of Oskaloosa; a brother, Ron (Cindy) Voss of Oskaloosa; and many

nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger Hogate; five brothers, Lester Voss, Jerry Voss, Howard Voss, Harold Voss, and Dale Voss; a sister, Carolyn Sereg.

Due to the restrictions put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health as an effort to protect our citizens from COVID 19, private family services will be held. Darlene will be buried at the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Comments



“ Jim and Deb (Morrison) Hanson purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Darlene Hogate.



Jim and Deb (Morrison) Hanson - March 25 at 06:07 PM



“ I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Darlene these past few month of caring for her at Comfort House. She was a dear sweet, loving lady. She was always so grateful for anything done for her, I enjoyed air evening and night chats and her lovely smile and sweet catchy giggle with a gleam in her eyes! The last night I worked with her, as I sat by her bedside holding her hand and caressing her cheek and brow, she told me how she always liked me from the beginning, and loved me caring for her,,,and as her usual ritual at bed time she again hugged me tight and gave that kiss on the cheek as she always had done, and said I Love You. Love you too I always said, and I will and remember her forever. May God comfort all of you as you cherish the memories she gave you.

Karen Vink, Night CNA

Karen Vink - March 25 at 01:48 PM



“ Darlene was one of my dad's many cousins that I didn't know very well. Then I married Norman and she became Aunt Darlene. I got to know her a lot better. She always had a hug for us and a big smile. You could tell that she enjoyed seeing you. Love you Aunt Darlene.

Sherry Veldhuizen - March 25 at 12:52 PM



“ I have very fond memories of Darlene. She was my Dad Larry Franklin's first cousin and I also lived with Ron & Cindy part of my sophomore year and we would visit with Darlene often. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all.
Wendy Franklin Lester

Wendy Franklin Lester - March 25 at 08:45 AM



“ Karen Denburger lit a candle in memory of Darlene Hogate



Karen Denburger - March 25 at 04:39 AM



“ I'd only gotten to know Darlene since December but I feel like we developed a special bond. Darlene was the sweetest, most kind and loving person I've met in a long time! We would watch cooking shows together and chat about lots of things. She would always grab my arm and hands to start rubbing them to warm me up. Every time she ate she was always concerned if I was eating or if I needed any food you could tell she was always a loving caregiver to all. Every time I would get ready to leave she would say "you come on over here" give me a hug and a sloppy wet kiss on the cheek. I will miss her very much she was an amazing person.

Stacey Duinink - March 24 at 07:20 PM



“ When I was a young girl, my family lived across the street from Darlene and Martin during the time they lived in Viroqua, Wisconsin. Their kitchen faced our home, and because their kitchen had a wall of windows, I could often see Darlene in the kitchen - baking, cooking, and washing dishes. Their kitchen was the heart and soul of their home. It was where Darlene took loving care of Roger, making sure he had timely and nutritious meals. It was where Darlene hosted birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, and family gatherings. When the weather was nice, even Dickie the dog sat outside the screen door staring into the kitchen. He, too, knew the kitchen was a special place. Because Darlene was a fabulous baker, everyone in Viroqua knew about the FREEZER. The freezer was packed with every treat or cookie imaginable. Linda would open the door to the freezer, and then Jane, Linda and I would just stand there, staring at every freezer-wrapped goodie. It seemed a light would shine down from heaven, highlighting everything in it. Well Darlene, now you are a light shining down from heaven onto all of us who have been touched by your gracious life. Thank you, God, for Darlene's life here in earth. You are gone, but not forgotten.
Nora Swenink



Nora Swenink - March 24 at 06:58 PM



“ Ronnie, Cindy and families,
We are sorry for your loss, and are sending hugs and prayers! Love Scott and Sandy



Sandy Hildebrand - March 24 at 06:55 PM