

Darlene Delores (Meidinger) Zimmer, age 80, of Carrington, ND, peacefully went home to be with the Lord, and to be reunited with the love of her life, Ervin, on Monday, October 7, 2019, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, ND, while her son Kelvin was holding her hand.

Darlene was born October 10, 1938, in Gackle, ND, to Theodore (Ted) and Marie (Dorr) Meidinger. Darlene arrived a little too early, so her mother put her in a box next to the stove to keep her warm, so she could "finish cooking."

On February 23, 1958, Darlene married the love of her life, Ervin Zimmer, in Gackle, ND. Mom says "I loved him from the first time I saw him" at the age of 13. They were playing anti-I-over. She so wanted to be on his team, and he pretended that he really didn't care. Later he admitted that he was smitten by her and wanted her on his team. This was the beginning of a great team that was blessed with three sons, Kevin, Kelvin, and Monty. She was committed to her family right to her last breath.



Darlene had a passion for caring for others, working at the Jamestown Hospital, Carrington Hospital, and Golden Acres Manor as a nurse's aide. She had a special place in her heart for those that shared their compassion, dedication, and skills when caring for others. In her last three weeks of life, she was thrilled that she was a patient of several nursing students, getting to contribute to their learning. She was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington and although she was housebound the last couple of years, she stayed involved in the church by sending out Birthday and Anniversary cards to church members. Another great passion for Darlene was word puzzles, when you walked into the house she always had one on her lap. However, being a Mom was her greatest passion; her endless love is felt today and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Terri) Zimmer, Kelvin (Bonny) Zimmer, all of Bismarck, ND, Monty (Stacy) Zimmer, Oakes, ND; grandsons, Parker Zimmer, Brye Zimmer, Craig Zimmer and Jonathan Zimmer; her sister, Marlys Klundt, Steele, ND; brother and sister-in-law, Don (Judy) Meidinger, Bismarck, ND; sister-in-law, Bernie Zimmer, Mesa, AZ; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and special friends, Arlene Schroeder and Debbie Wiesenburger.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Ervin (Erv); her parents, Ted and Marie Meidinger; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Klundt, Marvin Zimmer, and Melvin Zimmer; and sister-in-law, Carole Zimmer.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, ND or Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, ND.

In Loving Memory of



Darlene Zimmer

October 10, 1938 - October 7, 2019



A Hug from Heaven

Don't be sad - I'm here with Jesus.
Don't be sad and please don't cry.
I'm right here ... I've never left you ...
Don't you know that love can't die?
I am safe and warm and happy
As I've never been before,
Seeing Jesus face to face was more
Than I had bargained for.
As you speak, I'm right beside you.
As you walk, I'm by your side
Close your eyes and you'll see clearly
That my Spirit has not died.
Everyone's on earth for reasons
Man can't fully comprehend
But in heaven, I've seen clearly
Justice triumphs in the end.
Understand my love surrounds you
In a way you cannot see
Feel it, sense it, trust it's presence
Have some patience. Let me be.
Do not waste another moment!
Give to God complete control
Of worries that concern you
And your heart and mind and soul.
Wake each day in joyful gladness
Knowing we're not far apart.
Look to Jesus for the answers ...
He will heal your broken heart.
But above all, please remember
There's no need for you to cry.
I'm right here! I've never left you!
Don't you know that love can't die?

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October 10, 1938 - Gackle, ND
October 7, 2019 - Bismarck, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, October 13, 2019 ~ 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, October 14, 2019 ~ 10:00AM
Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington

OFFICIATING

Rev. Keith Hurlbut

SPECIAL MUSIC

Calvary Quartet
Pat Torgerson ~ Pianist
Carol Collins ~ Organist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

How Great Thou Art #801 ~ In the Garden #320 ~ Precious Memories

CASKET BEARERS

Kevin Zimmer ~ Kelvin Zimmer ~ Monty Zimmer
Craig Zimmer ~ Brye Zimmer ~ Parker Zimmer

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Darlene's Beloved Nieces & Nephews

BURIAL

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery ~ 3:00PM
rural Mandan, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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