



Darlene Faye Bordson

June 26, 1932 - July 7, 2023

Darlene Faye (Fredrickson) Bordson was born June 26, 1932. She was the last of nine children born to Alfred and Nettie Fredrickson, who lived on a farm in Mineola Township in southern Minnesota. She passed peacefully from old age while surrounded by her family on July 7, 2023.

As was common in rural Minnesota during her young life, most everyone knew everyone. Lyle Bordson was friends with one of Darlene's brothers and they attended the same high school in Wanamingo. They both played in the band and once Lyle heard from his cousin Carol that Darlene "thought he was all right", he asked Darlene if he could take her home after a high school basketball game. The start of their partnership as a couple began when they were in 9th grade and continued until Darlene's death.

After high school, Darlene received a nursing diploma from The Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester. When Lyle returned from overseas military service, they married and eventually settled and raised their family of three sons in Bloomington, Minnesota. Darlene and Lyle were always the parents and grandparents who showed up to show their support, whether it was cold outdoor BAA hockey games, track meets, diving meets, Kennedy High School soccer games, or the grandkids' musical concerts and recitals. When her sons became older, Darlene returned to nursing at Mount Olivet nursing home in Richfield, where she worked until she retired in 1995.

Darlene was an excellent sewer, quilter, and general craft maker with textiles. She sewed countless clothes, pajamas, upholstery items, and wall hangings

for family members.

As a member of her church's quilting group, she became known for her particularly artistic quilt tops - as she was adept at quickly figuring out tasteful patterns using the mixed variety of donated fabrics they'd received. She also was an excellent cook and a committed player of daily crossword puzzles.

In earlier years, she remained regularly active by hiking, camping, and biking with Lyle, and then later became a regular water aerobics class attendee.

When Lyle retired from IBM, they spent many winters traveling the entire United States in their large motor home, including adventurous trips to Mexico and even Alaska. They also traveled to 17 other countries over the years, including a visit to their son Todd and his wife while they lived in Singapore and toured parts of Malaysia and Indonesia. Later, they traveled to Israel and Jordan with a group from Peace Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Nettie Fredrickson, her siblings Herbert, Grant, Norman, and Donovan Fredrickson, and sisters Rosella Loos, Oress Tiller, Adeline Gregoire, and Marian Reinhardt.

She is survived by her husband Lyle Bordson, and her three sons and their families;

Mark and Jayne Bordson of Bloomington, Brent and Nancy Bordson of Long Lake, and Todd and Susan Bordson of Bloomington, plus six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, July 21 at 11:00 am at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Visitation at 10:00 am and a light lunch served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Memorials preferred to Christ the King Lutheran Church or Little Hospice in Edina.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ The King Lutheran Church (Bloomington)
8600 Fremont Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

Memorial Service

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