

*Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be,
a resting place along
the road to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way,
we all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay.
Our destination is a place
far greater than we know,
for some, the journey's quicker,
for some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
we'll claim a great reward,
and find an everlasting peace,
together with the Lord.*

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HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Darlene Houg

August 12, 1927 - September 10, 2026

Darlene Ruth Houg was born to Robert and Edna (DeReu) DeSchepper on August 12, 1927 on a farm near Jasper, Minnesota, where she was raised. She attended District 23 Country School through the eighth grade. She worked on the farm, raising turkeys, chickens, pigs and cows and helped in the field with crop farming. On February 19, 1957, Darlene married Donald Houg at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Jasper. The couple farmed and raised their family in Rock County, near Jasper. In 1990, they retired and moved into town. Don preceded her in death on January 27, 2017. In 2024, Darlene became a resident of the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, Minnesota.

Darlene was a member of St. Josephs Catholic Church in Jasper until its closing, and St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone, Minnesota. Some of her many talents were baking and decorating numerous birthday and wedding cakes, quilting, crocheting and tatting.

Darlene is lovingly survived by her four children, Timothy Houg of Jasper, James (Susan) Houg of Mound, Minnesota, Patrick (Mary) Houg of Santa Maria, California, and Veronica (Kelly) Johnson of Mound; 8 grandchildren, Kate (John) Donnelly, Blake (Seton) Houg, Jessica (Joe) Violetti, Jaydeen (Cory) Morris, Shelby Houg, Whitney (Julian) Ramirez, Sam (Anna) Johnson, and Kia (Clay) Gruber; 12 great-grandchildren, Owen Donnelly, Everett Violetti, Abigail Violetti, Nolan Morris, Maeve Morris, Warren Ramirez, Brynn Houg, Elle Houg, Kalynn Johnson, Kendall Johnson, Louie Gruber and Bo Gruber.

"It is in weeping that we learn to contemplate the goodness of God. It is in mourning that we discover the peace of God that passes understanding." — R.C. Sprout

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Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, September 25, 2026 - 10:30 AM

St. Leo Catholic Church

Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating

Father Joshua Miller

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 14: 1-16

Music

Organist - Karen Lingen

Cantor - Jim Baustian

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"

"Softly and Tenderly"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Jasper, Minnesota