

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free.
I'm following the path
God laid for me.
I took His hand
when I heard Him call.
I turned my back
and left it all.*

*I could not stay
another day
to laugh, to love,
to work or play.
Tasks left undone
must stay that way.
I found that peace
at the close of day.*

*If my parting
has left a void,
then fill it up
with remembered joy.
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss—
oh, yes, these things
I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened
with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine
of tomorrow.
My life's been full,
I savored much—
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time
seemed all too brief—
don't lengthen it
now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart
and share with me—
God wanted me now:
He set me free.*



In Loving Memory



Darleen J. Kuntz

November 1, 1938 - May 7, 2026

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, & Great Grandmother



Darleen Kuntz, 87, of Mandan, joined the Lord on May 7, 2026. She was surrounded by her family.

Darleen was born in 1938 to Theodore J. and Ida (Jenner) Hoff in Mandan. Raised and educated in Mandan, she graduated from Mandan High School in 1957. In 1958 she was united in marriage to Virgil Kuntz, and they had four children. They later divorced.

Darleen worked at Lucas Clothing Store as a clothes buyer, at Heartview, the Vet Center, and CHI Home Health. Darleen later did daycare while she also cared for her parents. Darleen was always willing to help and care for others, and went above and beyond for everyone. Many of her daycare kids kept in touch and visited her when they were grown. She was also an honorary pallbearer for former clients' funerals since she became friends with them and their families.

Darleen's greatest joy was when her grandkids came to visit, which was all the time. She loved to cook for them and also enjoyed gardening.

She leaves behind children, Andrea (Carter) Stone, Randy (Theresa) Kuntz, Pam (Charlie) Hoffer, and Melody Kuntz; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Huebner; and sister-in-law, Lois Hoff.

Darleen was welcomed in to Heaven by her parents, Theodore and Ida; brother, Harold Hoff; sisters, Lillian (John) Fahlgren, Mary Ann (Dave) Moehring, Alice (Bill) Cates, and Delores (Paul) Fenske; brother-in-law, Bill Huebner; and her former husband, Virgil.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DARLEEN KUNTZ

Memorial Service

10:30 AM, Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Joshua Janke

Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan, North Dakota

Casketbearers

Mike Kuntz, Cody Kuntz, Jesse Kuntz, Emmett Stone,
Charles Burks, Crystal Kuntz, Brian Burks, & Lori Moch

Honorary Casketbearers

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

*The family invites you for food & fellowship at
the church immediately following the burial service.*



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Celebration of Life video.

