

It's Not the End of the Trail

*It's not the end of the trail for me,
I've just traveled on, you see,
up ahead where greener pastures grow
and cool water streams dance as they flow.*

*Flowers in bloom of every sort and kind,
colors more vivid than any I left behind,
family and friends I haven't seen in years,
hugs and handshakes and no more tears.*

*They've welcomed me home here today,
a place of peace for me to stay,
they say it's my home for eternity;
no, it's not the end of the trail for me.*



*In Loving Memory Of
Darlene Mikkelsen*

March 9, 1958 ~ February 22, 2025

Darlene (Dar) was born March 9, 1958, in Langdon, ND, to Gerald and Marjorie (Dickhausen) Mikkelsen. She grew up in Langdon and graduated from Langdon High School in 1976. She continued her education at the University of North Dakota, receiving a degree in occupational therapy. In 1986, she moved to Seattle, Washington, where she lived until her passing. Dar worked as an OT with pediatric patients, and they all had a special place in her heart. She also enjoyed cheering on the Seattle Mariners and Seattle Seahawks.

Dar especially loved coming back to Langdon for a week at Christmas and a week in the summer. She always looked forward to watching her 10 nieces and nephews, whom she loved like her own. While living in Washington, Dar's Uncle Melford and Aunt Norma Mikkelsen and their children were like a second family to her. She spent many gatherings with them.

Darlene is survived by her brother, Kerry (Mavis) Mikkelsen; sisters: Kathy Borgen, Debra (Mike) Mikkelsen-Shuga, and GERALYN (Mark) Klevgaard; nieces: KARMEN (Mark) EVANS, KRISTEN (Kent) GUDERJAHN, LINDSEY (Todd) TESCHER, KELLEE BORGEN, KOREE (Chris) HOFFMAN; nephews: Kyle (Heather) Mikkelsen, Evan Mikkelsen, and Grant (Tiffany), Mason & Gavin Klevgaard; eight great-nieces; 10 great-nephews; and her service dog and best friend, Monet. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, great-nephew Jackson, and her beloved dogs Brangweg and Josee.

Darlene passed away February 22, 2025, in SeaTac, Washington, at the age of 66.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, June 30, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m.
St. Alphonsus Church
Langdon, ND

CLERGY

Father Kurtis Gunwall

MUSIC

Bob Schaan Min Gette St. Alphonsus Choir
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" "Be Not Afraid"
"Seed Scattered and Sown" "On Eagle's Wings"

READERS

Karmen Evans Lindsey Tescher

GIFT BEARERS

Darlene's Great-Nieces and Great-Nephews

HONORARY BEARERS

Darlene's Nieces & Nephews

INURNMENT

Calvary Cemetery
Langdon, ND