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Darlene was born on June 2, 1943 and was the only child of Lorne and Edith Bates. She grew up on the family farm, west of Kelvington and later right in Kelvington, where she completed her schooling.

On April 14, 1960, Darlene married Allan Wagner. Darlene and Allan moved around Saskatchewan, wherever Allan's job with SaskPower took them. Darlene was a stay-at-home mom who gave everything that she could to her children. In 1972, they returned to Kelvington and began farming in the Kinloch area where Darlene became a valuable member of the Manchester Community Club. Eventually, they left the farm and moved to Melfort, where Allan was employed by Mamer and Voelk Construction LTD and Darlene found employment with Wright's Florist. Their next move was to Prince Albert, where Darlene worked at a local convenience store. She loved to talk to people, so retail was a great fit for her.

After another move, this time to Moose Jaw, Darlene found employment with Walmart in the fabric department. Her passion for sewing and knitting, made this a perfect fit. Darlene continued to work at Walmart until she retired in 2008.

After retirement, winters were spent in an RV park in Bullhead City, Arizona, where Darlene made many friends. And summer found them back in Moose Jaw. Her time was spent visiting with friends and family or sewing and knitting for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Handmade pajama pants being their favorite.

Left to cherish Darlene's memory are her loving husband of 66 years, **Allan** Wagner; her son, **Dennis** (Heidi), and family, Blair (Rob Lissinna) and their children, Noah and Peyson; Jamie Wagner (Steve Bencharski); Rhea (David Engdahl) and their children, Alexander, Laila, and Lennox; Deven (Lauren Stewart) and their son, James; and Tyler Stewart; her daughter, **Melodie** (Wayne Sand), and their family, Andre (Tina) and their daughter, Priah, and Michael and his son, Olen; her daughter, **Regan** (Jack Stadnyk), and their family, Daxton Moffatt (Christa) and their daughter TBD, arriving in November, Desirae (Corbin Beer) and their daughters, Maggie and Athena, and Ethan; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard (Barb) Wagner, Lloyd (Ruth) Wagner, and Connie Wagner; as well as her emotional-support kitty, Missy.

Darlene was predeceased by her son, **Merilyn**; her parents, Lorne and Edith Bates; her parents-in-law, Florian and Caroline Wagner; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Florian Jr. and Myrtle Wagner; her brothers-in-law, Lewis Wagner and Donald Wagner; and her aunts and uncles, Mervin and Jean Bates, Arthur Bates, and Alton Bates.

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## *One Day.*

One day the last time will arrive.  
The last conversation.  
The last embrace.  
The last laugh that leaves your belly aching.  
And the heartbreaking thing is, you will not recognize it as the last.

You will tie your shoes.  
Check your phone.  
Say goodbye the same way you always do.  
Not knowing that an ordinary moment has quietly become a memory.

I think about that often.  
How many sunsets have I rushed through?  
How many dinners have I left too early?  
How many beautiful moments have I treated as though another was promised?

The flower blooms because it cannot stay.  
The leaves turn gold because they must fall.  
The stars are precious because dawn is coming.  
Perhaps this is why everything hurts a little.  
Not because it is leaving.  
But because somewhere inside us, we know it cannot stay.

And yet, what a miracle that it was here at all.  
That out of infinite time,  
there was a moment when our paths crossed.  
A moment when we were alive beneath the same sky.  
A moment when I got to know you.  
Love you.  
Laugh with you.  
Exist alongside you.  
Maybe the purpose of life was never to hold on forever.

Maybe it was simply to stand in the garden while the flowers are blooming and say,  
with a grateful heart,  
"How beautiful."  
"How unbelievably beautiful."

"How lucky am I to have witnessed this before it disappeared."

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