



Darlene Rae Froehlich

December 6, 1956 - February 20, 2025

Darlene Rae Froehlich (née Pizzuto), 68, of Aurora, IL, passed away unexpectedly on February 20, 2025. Born on December 6, 1956, in Chicago, IL, Darlene was a beacon of selflessness, always placing the needs of others before her own. Her boundless love and unwavering kindness touched the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Darlene's life was defined by service, not out of obligation, but from a deep and genuine desire to bring joy to those around her. Whether through a warm embrace, a thoughtful gesture, or her quiet acts of generosity, she embodied love in its purest form. She never sought recognition—her fulfillment came from lifting others up.

Throughout the years, she wore many hats, excelling in roles as varied as working in mutual funds, running her own daycare, assisting in dental care, and bringing warmth to the community through her baking at Abbey Farms. Most recently, she worked at The Bickford of Aurora, where she brought comfort and companionship to the residents, treating them like family. No matter the job, she approached each day with dedication and a smile.

Darlene's faith was the foundation of her life. As a devoted member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, she not only found strength in her beliefs but lived them out in every way. She was always among the first to volunteer, whether

for church events, community outreach, or simply lending a hand wherever it was needed. Her faith wasn't just something she practiced—it was something she radiated, offering love, kindness, and unwavering support to all who crossed her path.

She found joy in life's celebrations, treasuring every birthday, holiday, and gathering as an opportunity to create lasting memories. Christmas, in particular, held a special place in her heart—a season she infused with magic, warmth, and an abundance of love.

She also had a special place in her heart for dogs and showered each of her many four-legged companions with love and affection over the years. Whether rescuing, spoiling, or simply spending time with them, Darlene had a way of making every dog feel like the most cherished creature in the world—and they adored her in return.

Above all, Darlene was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She and Raymond shared 40 beautiful years of marriage, a testament to their enduring love and partnership. She is survived by her beloved husband, Raymond; her cherished children, Michael (Amanda) Froehlich, Lauren Froehlich, Danielle (Brian) Damhoff, and Juliana Froehlich; and her step-son, Todd Froehlich, along with his sons, David and Marc Froehlich. She was a proud and loving grandmother, a cherished sister, and a dear friend to many.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Ruth Pizzuto, and her precious grandson, Caleb Damhoff.

Her absence leaves an immeasurable void, but her spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched. She will be forever remembered for her kindness, her unwavering love, and the way she made the world a better place simply by being in it.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St. Aurora, IL. 60506 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. There will be a Divine Mercy Chaplet Rosary Service by Deacon Tim White at 5:00 pm.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10:00 am at HOLY ANGELS CHURCH. 120 South Lancaster Avenue Aurora, IL 60506. Fr Michael Lavan will officiate followed by entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Darlene's family or sign the guest book.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Interment

FEB 27 (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Darlene and I volunteered for coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass at Holy Angels in the late 90s. She was so kind and positive, and made it extra-enjoyable. I have thought of her often over the years. Sweet lady. May she rest in peace in God's care.* ”

Terry Williams - February 26, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.* ”



February 26, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.* ”



February 26, 2025 at 01:01 PM

PD

“ *We were shocked and saddened hearing the news of Darlene's passing. We looked forward to seeing her smiling face at Holy Angels 6:45 every Sunday. This lovely, selfless woman will be sincerely missed.* ”

Pete & Jan Darata

Pete & Jan Darata - February 26, 2025 at 09:54 AM

ME

“ Dar was the most wonderful person you would ever want to meet, One of gods angels most definitely. She always had a smile on her face, never spoke ill of others. I would always run into her at Jewel and it's funny because I felt every Jewel employee knew her that's what kind of a social butterfly she was. I will miss her beautiful smile beautiful face beautiful heart.



Mel - February 25, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



February 25, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DP

“ Dennis, Patti, Emily and Sam Pizzuto purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Dennis, Patti, Emily and Sam Pizzuto - February 25, 2025 at 05:10 PM

DP

“ Dennis, Patti, Emily and Sam Pizzuto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

Dennis, Patti, Emily and Sam Pizzuto - February 25, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JJ

“ JORGE & JOYCE purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



JORGE & JOYCE - February 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM

JJ

“ JORGE & JOYCE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

JORGE & JOYCE - February 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM

PD

“ Pzazz Hair Studio / Dana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

Pzazz Hair Studio / Dana - February 25, 2025 at 12:43 PM

PD

“ Pzazz Hair Studio / Dana purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Pzazz Hair Studio / Dana - February 25, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

February 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



February 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Mary Fantozzi and sons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



Mary Fantozzi and sons - February 25, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *She was such a beautiful person. I'm so sorry for your loss. Wish I could be there. All I can offer is support. We r all in shock. Her spirit will always be with you*

Karen E Curran-Gill - February 24, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Cecilia B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



Cecilia B. - February 24, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



February 24, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



February 24, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Love Erin & Sam purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



Love Erin & Sam - February 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *Darlene was loved by everyone at Bickford. We were so lucky to have her be a part of our family over the last year - she touched everyone resident and staff member who knew her. The Froelich family is in our prayers.*

Bickford of Aurora - February 23, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



February 23, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ *Peter & Tammy Ososky and Max planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*

Peter & Tammy Ososky and Max - February 23, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Peter & Tammy Ososky and Max purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



Peter & Tammy Ososky and Max - February 23, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Every time I spent time with Darlene, I would be filled with the joy that she always radiated. My heart breaks for Ray and her family. Prayers for her soul and that you will still be able to feel the joy she so generously spread.*

Julie Lano - February 23, 2025 at 02:16 PM

TF

“ *The Petesch Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



The Petesch Family - February 23, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.*



February 23, 2025 at 01:46 PM

VN

“ *My brother, Tyler, and I share fond memories of Mrs Froehlich as “The Picture Lady” during our time at Holy Angels. She always brought a warm, nurturing presence that was absolutely passed down to her children. She touched many lives in amazing ways. Prayers to the Froehlich family in this time.*

Victoria Nelson - February 23, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CC

“Darlene was such a compassionate and caring person. We saw her at daily mass and when I shared that my son in law was diagnosed with cancer she offered her prayers. She was so supportive of my husband and me as we went through his chemo. She always asked about his progress and celebrated with us when he was declared “cancer free”. I’m sure her prayers had a direct impact on his cure. RIP dear friend. You left your mark on this world and will be truly missed.

Carolyn Campbell - February 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

DJ

“I’m so sorry to hear....we grew up together for short time during the 60s before moving back to P A.....I’m sure she will be missed

Dixie Johnson - February 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM

LE

“Love Celine & Ed purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Love Celine & Ed - February 23, 2025 at 10:28 AM

LE

“Love Celine & Ed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

Love Celine & Ed - February 23, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MR

“ Mark and Joy Richmond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

Mark and Joy Richmond - February 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

MR

“ Mark and Joy Richmond purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Mark and Joy Richmond - February 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

KC

“ Dear Froehlich family, Although I didn't know Darlene well, she made me feel like I did. Your words about her in the obituary were spot on as to the woman she was. She will be remembered with love by the many that she made feel special. Prayers for you and wrap yourselves in those beloved memories.

Kim Carew - February 23, 2025 at 09:49 AM

TE

“ Theresa Van Den Eeden purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Theresa Van Den Eeden - February 23, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MF

“ Myles Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Myles Family - February 23, 2025 at 09:14 AM

R2

“ Rosary Class of 2013 purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Rosary Class of 2013 - February 23, 2025 at 12:31 AM

YT

“ Your Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Darlene Rae Froehlich.



Your Team - February 21, 2025 at 07:30 PM

YT

“ Your Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Rae Froehlich.

Your Team - February 21, 2025 at 07:30 PM