



DARLENE GENGLER ROMMES

July 7, 1937 - June 26, 2022

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(Caledonia, MN) Darlene Gengler Rommes, age 84, of Caledonia, died peacefully Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Gundersen Medical Center, LaCrosse, WI. She was born July 7, 1937, in Caledonia, to Erwin and Ruth (Schroeder) Diersen. Darlene started working as a nurse's aid at Caledonia Hospital when she was 17. She married Ray Gengler on January 18, 1958. She was also a waitress and cook at Elmer's Supper Club. Darlene and Ray took over Caledonia Cold Storage (Sno-Pac) in 1970. She and Ray continued to run Sno-Pac until she retired at the age of 70. After Ray died in 1999, she married Donnie Rommes in 2001. Donnie passed away in 2011.

Darlene loved crocheting blankets and sharing them with friends and family. She loved history and archaeology. She adored all her many grandchildren, and she loved gardening, traveling, and cooking. She was a devout Catholic and loved watching mass on TV. She gave the best hugs, had the most beautiful smile, and had a huge, giving heart.

She is survived by her 4 children: Pete Gengler, Nick (Nicolette Carlson) Joan Gengler DeWall, and Jenny (Troy) Winjum; grandchildren,

Jack Gengler, Jake Gengler, Jennifer (Smerud) Petersen, and Tori Bolster, Zach Gengler, Seth Gengler, Phil Denstad, Paul Denstad, Nick Denstad, and Cristina DeWall, Madison Winjum and Tanner Winjum; 14 great grandchildren, Braeden, Kiley, Colton, Issac, Lucy, Zeke, Max, Reed, Peyton, Chance, Ethan, Joshua, Caleb, and Leyla; stepchildren, Karen (Larry) Wermager, Amy Rommes, Teri (Dan) Gavin, Connie (Paul) Link, and Debbie (Randy) Myhre; her sister, Nel (Paul) Rommes; her brother Jerry (Nancy) Diersen; sisters-in-law, Lynn Diersen, Nancy (Clem) Jansen, and Marilyn (Glen) Check; and several step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Ray and Donnie; an infant son, Erik Todd; grandchildren, Izzy, Collette, Anna, and Mathew; brother, Lavaine Diersen; stepdaughter, Julie Connor; and sister-in-law, Fay Gengler

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am, Saturday, July 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Matt Wagner will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Friday at St. Mary's Holy family Hall. Friends may also call from 10 to 11 am Sat.

before the service at the church, where a Catholic Daughters Rosary will be said at 9:30 am Memorials may be given to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall
513 South Pine St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

Rosary

JUL 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
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Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I can't begin to understand just how hard this is for you. I hope you can find comfort and strength in family and friends to get you through this. Remember you're not alone, so hold each of the precious memories you have in your heart and use them to remember your special times together.*
Darlene was a strong and yet a very kind and caring person and will be sadly missed but always remembered.
Sandy

Sandy - June 30, 2022 at 08:16 AM

JM

“ *Julie Merzenich lit a candle in memory of*
DARLENE GENGLER ROMMES



Julie Merzenich - June 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for*
the family of DARLENE GENGLER ROMMES.



June 28, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of DARLENE GENGLER ROMMES.*



June 27, 2022 at 04:02 PM

PK

“ Growing up in the Gengler home always meant good food, most likely the weather/news channel on the TV and possibly a drive to the other side of the state before supper (you know to check in the Cherry’s)

When the office was on Pine and South Dar usually had lunch for all her children and possibly a few of the staff. An animal of some sort was in the dinning room and church on Sundays sometimes meant the Cathedral.

They had books upon books and she always new the strange facts along with most families history around here.

If she was to write a book it would be a good one and probably a series of some sort.

Her heart was big and her generosity had no end.

You can see a part of her in all her children and grand children! She and Ray put this town on the map and Pete and Nick have taken Sno Pac to new levels. Honestly if you grew up in the early 1990s around Caledonia and didn’t work at Sno Pac I’m not sure I know you... lol

Growing up with such a great women in my life made me a better person!! Thank you 🙏 and you will be missed by all who knew you!



Hugs to the family.

Patty G

patty Krall - June 27, 2022 at 09:33 AM

JV

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Darlene. The couple of times I saw her, she was a pleasure to visit with. Such a lovely person. God bless your families.

Jean Volkenant - June 27, 2022 at 08:25 AM