



Darlene Ann Blankenship

August 22, 1958 - January 28, 2020

Darlene Ann Blankenship, age 61 of Wheeling passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Wheeling Hospital.

She was born August 22, 1958, in Wheeling, the daughter of the late Melvin and Marlene Zanke Williamson.

Darlene was a former real estate investor, a devout Christian who loved Jesus and attended Bellaire Christian Church.

Survivors include one son, Edward (Valerie) Blankenship of Moundsville, WV; one daughter, Lynette Whitmeyer of Wheeling; one brother, Jim Williamson of Boca Raton, FL and four granddaughters, Angelina, Marlana and Lydia Gaito and Ally Blankenship.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 4:00pm until time of service at 6:00pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling with Pastor Jerry Garlock and Dale Noland officiating. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Blankenship.*



February 03, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss...Darlene & I were childhood friends who met when she came to visit her grandfather at his "saloon"---as she called Zanke's--we lived across the street. we remained friends thru the years & know she is with our Lord.*

Rosemary Humway-Warmuth - February 03, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *I'm so very sad to hear about Darlene, such a wonderful person. She always had a smile. I'm blessed to have been her friend. My prayers go out to her family. Rest easy with God, Darlene.*

Nora Phemester - February 02, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ *My heart is so sad hearing this news. Darlene was one of my friends since third grade. She was a wonderful human being. Always has a smile on her face no matter what. You will be missed Darlene. God Bless you and your family. Mary Palmer Gioia*

mary palmer gioia - February 01, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Darlene passing. She has been one of my dearest friends since high school. My heart goes out to her family. May God keep you all in His loving arms! God bless you all.

Cassie (Henry) Merkle - February 01, 2020 at 01:31 PM

 Peter Wiethe

“ Darlene was friend Jim Williamson's younger sister, in my sister Lori's class. She was always kind to me as I spent a good bit of time during my High School days with Jim around Mrs. Williamson, Mr. & Mrs. Zanke, mommom and Darlene. I'm so saddened by her death and pray Mist merciful God, Who will all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth, please grant eternal life to Darlene, comfort and consolation to her family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord, may perpetual light, the countenance of You Face, shine upon her. Amen.

Peter Wiethe - January 31, 2020 at 07:12 PM

LA

“ I remember Darlene as a teenager. I was 6-7 years younger so she was the cool older cousin. I followed her around Grandmas house. Hung out in her room. Darlene babysat me and my brothers. I remember being in an orangish car...she had a lead foot/up and down Bethlehem hill. I know she is hanging out with a great crew in heaven. So sorry for your families loss.

laura - January 29, 2020 at 09:33 PM

LH

I'm so sorry to hear that Darlene has passed. We had a lot of great years together as friends! My prayers go out to all of you...she will be greatly missed!!

Loranne Henry - January 30, 2020 at 05:13 PM

NI

“ *Nita lit a candle in memory of Darlene Ann Blankenship*



Nita - January 29, 2020 at 07:01 PM

LS

“ *Linda Showalter lit a candle in memory of Darlene Ann Blankenship*



Linda Showalter - January 29, 2020 at 06:24 PM

PD

“ *Lynette and Eddie, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a very caring and loving person. She will be missed by many. She was a dear friend and helped me through many difficult times in my life. You and your families will be in my prayers.*

Pamela Drake - January 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM

RL

“ *Hello Jim ...sorry to hear of your sisters passing will keep you and your family in our prayers... take care Robert Lewicki*

robert lewicki - January 29, 2020 at 12:37 PM

JV

I am very, very sorry not to be able to attend Darlene's visitation and prayer service. I have been praying much for Darlene and for all of her family, especially Jim, whom I remember so well in my first eighth grade class at Our Lady of Peace. Darlene followed the next year. What wonderful children the Lord put before my eyes in those early days of the 1970's! The memories are truly blessed and joyful.

A few times I met up with Darlene who would assure me, "Don't worry about me, Sister, I love the Lord very much."

Dear Darlene, I hope He has brought you home.

Very lovingly, Sr. Jeanne Vidonic (Your eighth grade teacher)

Jeanne Vidonic - February 03, 2020 at 09:27 PM