



## Starkey, Darlene

November 29, 2012

A golden heart stopped beating on November 29, 2012, as Darlene Starkey passed away peacefully at the Cleveland Clinic.

She was born October 16, 1942 in Kodol, WV the daughter of the late Lawrence and Sylvia McNeely Williams.

She was a member of New Martinsville United Methodist Church and of TOPS Club of New Martinsville.

Darlene loved life and was the happiest when surrounded by her family and friends. She touched many lives by being a "nanny" to many children in the surrounding New Martinsville area. She touched the lives of countless children and saw many of those children grow up to be amazing members of society, and have children of their own.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack Starkey whom she married on December 4, 1958; a granddaughter, Renae Starkey and a special friend, Mandy Ice.

Survivors include two daughters, Pam (Dean) Clark of Niles, OH and Donna (Lisa) Starkey of New Martinsville; two sons, Jeff Starkey of New Martinsville and Eric (Jen) Starkey of Westminster, CO; a brother, Herb McNeely of Virginia; three sisters, Sue (Bobby) Sampson of Fairmont, Arlene Ukeiley of

Las Vegas, and Jeanette McNeely of Fairmont; seven grandchildren, Greg (Tiffanie) Starkey, Casey (Tasha) Starkey, J.P. (Amanda) Starkey, Jackie, Troy, Kara and Maddie Starkey; and three great grandchildren, Ethan, Kylie, and Kolson.

Family will receive friends on Monday from 5-9pm and on Tuesday from noon until the time of the funeral service at 1pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville with Rev. Melissa Shortridge officiating.

Interment in Paden Memorial Gardens, New Martinsville, WV.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked donations to be made to WesBanco/ Darlene Starkey Memorial Fund where donations will be divided between Roads to Recovery and The Amanda Ice Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Darlene was such a great woman. She babysat my daughter and always took wonderful care of her. Lyndie loved spending time at her house. She will be missed.* ”

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**Jodie** - December 04, 2012 at 03:17 PM

SS

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Darlene's passing. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you. I knew Darlene through bowling. May she R.I.P.* ”

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**Shirley Schupbach** - December 04, 2012 at 10:40 AM

JW

“ *I really enjoyed the short time I had with Darlene, we talked alot about her family and how much she loved you all and the grandkids on our trips to Wheeling for her treatments. I am very fortunate to have known her. My heart goes out to you all.* ”

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**Jeanie White** - December 04, 2012 at 08:40 AM

JS

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the Starkey family.* ”

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**Josh Sayre** - December 03, 2012 at 04:19 PM

RW

“ *What a woman of love and faith! Darlene was for me a model of humble perseverance and gentle strength. May God bless your family as you mourn her loss, yet celebrate her life.* ”

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**Rene Wilt** - December 03, 2012 at 04:03 PM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Darlene was a wonderful lady. We became such good friends with our tops group. She will be dearly missed. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

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**Pansy Tharp** - December 03, 2012 at 02:48 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Lori Wetzel McCoy** - December 03, 2012 at 02:15 PM

MG

“ Donna & family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother. May the wonderful memories of your mother's love be with you and comfort you. Mark and Brenda

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**Mark & Brenda Goodfellow** - December 03, 2012 at 01:45 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved Darlene. She was a very funny and wonderful woman. I went to Church with her and also, I was Edie's caregiver for awhile—and we would often visit her house out on Doolin. (I think the bird hated me...lol). I am going to really miss her. Prayers going out for her and the entire family...May you have peace during this sad time. (((hugs)))...Jackie A.

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**Jackie Powell Auenson** - December 02, 2012 at 07:42 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss. Darlene was a wonderful person and as a member of our TOPS 0236 New Martinsville she has been and will always be missed by us.

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**leona kelly** - December 02, 2012 at 07:25 PM

DN

“ So sorry for your loss Casey, she was a wonderful lady and she will be missed. Thinking of all of you. Love Aunt Di

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**Diane Nichols** - December 01, 2012 at 02:50 PM

MT

“ Sorry for your loss. She was an awesome lady. My prayers are with the Starkey family.

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**Mike Tuttle** - December 01, 2012 at 01:59 PM

ST

“ Terry and I are so sorry for your loss. Even though I never met your Mom, I could tell from her sweet Christmas cards, what a sweet and loving person she was. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but she will never be forgotten. Our prayers of comfort to all of you. Love, Terry and Sylvia Gilbreath

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**Sylvia and Terry** - December 01, 2012 at 01:34 PM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with the Starkey family

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**Bill Hensley** - December 01, 2012 at 01:29 PM