



Darlene Fay Banwart

November 27, 1939 - September 18, 2023

Darlene F. Banwart, age 83 of Lake Mills, IA, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2023 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, IA.

Visitation for Darlene will be held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Schott Funeral Homes – Mittelstadt Chapel in Lake Mills.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 22, 2023 at Salem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Melinda McVey officiating. Visitation will also take place one hour prior to the service at the church.

Inurnment will follow the service at Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills, IA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to: MercyOne North Iowa Hospice. 232 2nd St. SE Mason City, IA 50401.

Darlene Fay (Hotek) Banwart was born on November 27, 1939 alongside her twin sister to parents Vencil and Zola (Ward) Hotek in Lehigh, IA. She attended school in Fort Dodge, IA until the 8th grade when her family moved to Bode, IA. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Twin Rivers High School in 1957. She went on to graduate from Fort Dodge Beauty Academy.

Darlene married Franklin Banwart in Bode, IA on August 24, 1958. To this union, four children were born: Brian, Patti, Lisa, and Thomas. The couple enjoyed 54 years together until Frank's death in 2013.

Darlene was a stay-at-home mom, and over the years she babysat many children. After her own children were all in school, she worked at Universal Circuits for 14 years in the Quality Inspection department. After she retired, she enjoyed refinishing furniture, making numerous art pieces out of refurbished jewelry, assembling puzzles, making jam, or cross-stitching Christmas stockings for people. She loved her family, and enjoyed spending time with them, especially spoiling them with her homemade goodies.

She is preceded in death by both parents, Vencil and Zola Hotek; husband, Franklin Banwart; daughter, Patti Banwart; brothers, Earnest Dutcher and James Dutcher; and sisters, Barbara Eldridge and Vera Davis.

Darlene is survived by her children, Brian (Deb) Banwart of Garner, IA, Lisa (Tom) Garringer of Webster, IA and Tom (Vickie) Banwart of Lake Mills, IA; seven grandsons; two granddaughters; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Arlene Herrick.

Cemetery



**SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY**

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, IA 50450

Events



VISITATION
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral
Home 902 East Main
Street, Lake Mills, IA
50450



MEMORIAL SERVICE
11:00 AM

Salem Lutheran
Church 401 South
Lake Street, Lake Mills,
IA 50450 Visitation
one hour prior to the
service

Tribute Wall



A Memorial Tree was planted for Darlene Fay Banwart

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Mittelstadt Funeral Home
