



Darlene L. Paus

August 5, 1928 - March 12, 2018

Darlene L. Paus, 89, of Hastings, formerly of Glenvil, died on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings. Memorial services will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil. Pastor Rob Garton will officiate and burial will follow at the Glenvil Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Darlene Louisa Paus began her journey on August 5, 1928, at Spring Ranch, Nebraska, the third child of George Paus and Dora (Riese) Paus. She joined older brother, Alvin, and sister, Lillian. Five years later, her sister Vera would be welcomed into the family. She was baptized on August 11th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenville, the church she would have fellowship with throughout her life. She was confirmed in April 1941 by Rev. E. C. Meyer, the same pastor that had baptized her 13 years earlier. During her years at Immanuel Lutheran, she belonged to Old Luther League Group, was a member of the council, a Sunday school teacher, and a WELCA Circle member. She was a strong woman and even through all the trials of her life--ovarian cancer, chronic back pain and other health problems--she always maintained her faith in God. Darlene and her siblings grew up on the farm in Spring Ranch. She attended elementary school at Spring Ranch School

District #3; and graduated from Glenville High School in 1946 as co-valedictorian of her class. Following in her sister Lillian's footsteps, she taught country school at Eureka School District #59 in Spring Ranch Township during the 1946-47 school year. Although she loved art, her father thought she should pursue a career in education, so she enrolled at Hastings College where she graduated with Cum Laude honors in 1953. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in elementary education; but she continued her love of art through drawing, painting, and needlework in her spare time. She was a member of the Travel Club while at Hastings College, and during her lifetime traveled to Germany, Great Britain, France, Canada and many locations in the United States, with friends and family. Darlene taught school for 40 years, 31 of those years at Fairfield. In 1973 she was selected to receive a national award for Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America. She was one of five teachers in the United States chosen to receive the honor that year. Darlene never married and had children of her own. Instead, she had hundreds of students that touched her life as well as her being an influence on theirs. The professional bonds Darlene built with her fellow teachers proved to be the most treasured friendships of her life. She retired from teaching in 1988. Her journey has come to an end, and she is home at last.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Alvin Paus; sister, Vera Ridgeway; and nephew, Scott Ridgeway.

She is survived by her sister, Lillian Peshek, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Glenvil Cemetery

Glenvil, NE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
403 Sturgis Street
Glenvil, NE 68941

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene L. Paus*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I had Darlene as my first and third grade teacher in Fairfield Elementary School. She was firm and dealt with bullying. After all these years, I found out she was Alvin's sister and grew up not too far from this family. With my sympathy for the loss of Darlene.*

Dena (Watts) Woodman

Dena Woodman - March 25, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *My memories of Darlene go back a l-o-n-g way. I had the privilege of helping in her 1st (?) grade class as part of my home ec study. She was such a loving teacher to the little ones. Then we had many Bible Studies and WELCA meetings together at Immanuel. I'm blessed to have known her. Alyce Sherman*



Alyce Sherman - March 23, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *Darlene, (Miss Paus) was a wonderful teacher to all three of my children. Her efforts to teach and lead a good life reflected on them. Darlene was a good supporter of Fairfield activities and a big asset to our community. Diane Anstine*

Diane Anstine - March 23, 2018 at 11:42 AM

SD


“ I don't really know who is left out of the Paus family, but I was a neighbor to them years ago...I was Emil Kalvoda's daughter Shirley and we lived up the hill to the south of the Paus's and Lillian was one of my teachers and think Vera went to school with brother Ed at Fairfield...so sorry to hear that Darlene passed away but she lived to a good age and hope she didn't suffer...not sure who all is left of the family... anyway our love, sympathy and prayers to the family and may she rest in peace... Shirley Kalvoda Dove

Shirley Kalvoda Dove - March 22, 2018 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ Remembering all the good visits we had about school and rejoice with her that she is home with her family and cousins. Sympathy to the family of Darlene. Her positive attitude will be missed.
Jean Schemm

Jean Schemm - March 20, 2018 at 10:25 AM

 Debra Stromer

“ I enjoyed my visits and assisting Darlene daily during her stay and Perkins Pavillion.
The Lord is comforting her in his loving arms. She is pain free.
Debra Stromer

Debra Stromer - March 14, 2018 at 05:50 PM

VW

“ I am Donald and Wilma Watts' daughter Vanessa; I knew the Paus family when I grew up on the farm. Please accept my sympathy and well wishes to the family, for her loss.

vanessa watts walters - March 14, 2018 at 03:28 PM