



## Darlene A. Kesner

March 29, 1932 - August 30, 2017

Darlene A. Kesner, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

She was born on Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Edwardsville, IL, the daughter of Ernest and Lillie (nee Brunsworth) Halbe.

On February 15, 1950, she married Celestine A. "Cele" Korte at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, Illinois, who passed away, March 6, 1989.

On September 03, 1993, she married Earl K. "Bun" Kesner at Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, Illinois, who passed away on January 4, 2014.

She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ and VFW 5694-Auxiliary.

Darlene was born and grew up in Edwardsville, IL. She worked at Marine Garment Factory; Super Value (Piggly-Wiggly) Grocery Store in Highland; Artex International, and Todd Cleaning in Highland, where she retired. In the late 1950's she owned K & R Grocery on Poplar Street. In her retirement she and "Cele" enjoyed camping and wintered in Florida for many years. She also had a pontoon boat on Silver Lake that she and "Bun" enjoyed. She was an

avid quilter (made quilts for all the children and grandchildren). She enjoyed sewing; spending time with family; dancing with both husband's; and baking pies (especially Lemon Meringue). Her card game of choice was Euchre.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Carol A. (Charles) Kynion, Marine, IL  
Grandchild - Rae Lynne (Brian) Meyer, Marine, IL  
Grandchild - Jill M. (Jay) Bloemker, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Gary A. Runge, Jr., Peoria, IL  
Grandchild - Sabrina (Chris) Korunka, Mount Olive, IL  
Great Grandchild - Mikayla R. Bloemker  
Great Grandchild - Kylie A. Bloemker  
Great Grandchild - Robbie C. Meyer  
Great Grandchild - Sophia Runge  
Sister In-law - Delores Halbe, Highland, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Ernest Halbe  
Mother - Lillie Halbe (nee Brunnworth)  
First Husband - Celestine A. "Cele" Korte - Married 2/15/1950; Died 3/6/1989  
Husband - Earl K. "Bun" Kesner - Married 9/3/1993; Died 1/4/2014  
Daughter - Darla A. Smith - Died 1/16/2010  
Brother - Dale E. Halbe - Died 8/18/2001.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 02, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 02, 2017, at

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Tim A. Darmour-Paul, Pastor, Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hoyleton Children's Home or Grantfork United Church of Christ.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Prayers for Darlene and her family  
We had many good times dancing. Card playing and vacationing  
with her and Bun  
She will be greatly missed by many.

Dale & Rita Rinderer - September 03, 2017 at 01:18 PM

DR

“ Dale & Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of  
Darlene A. Kesner



Dale & Rita Rinderer - September 03, 2017 at 01:13 PM

MR

“ We have been friends of Darlene for many years, beginning with  
numerous camping outings with her and Cele and more fun get-  
togethers with her and Bun. We will miss them all very much. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with Darlene's family. Love from Madeline  
Brewer and Dick and Marsha Rohr

Marsha Rohr - September 01, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Darlene A. Kesner.



September 01, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene A. Kesner.*



September 01, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene A. Kesner.*



September 01, 2017 at 09:58 AM



“ *Darlene and Bun were a sweet couple who were like another set of parents. I enjoyed spending time with both of them while helping plant flowers, remove weeds, refurbishing the bench, the Indian Chief and Drunkin Joe as Bun called him. They will be missed.*

*Ron Clarkin*

**Ronald Clarkin** - August 31, 2017 at 07:46 PM