



## Darlene Leiting

August 10, 1932 - August 20, 2021

Darlene Leiting, 89 of Arcadia, died Friday, August 20, 2021, at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Concelebrant will be Fr. Richard Remmes. Music will be by Sharon Bierl and the parish choir. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Peg Scheidt. Gift Bearers and Honorary Casket Bearers will be Emma, Mollie, and Madison Leiting. Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Vogl. Casket Bearers will be Steve Wonderlin, Matt Wonderlin, Nick Wonderlin, Zach Wonderlin, Duane Hanrahan, and Lyle Hanrahan. The Arcadia American Legion Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the Funeral Mass. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery in Arcadia.

Visitation will begin with a rosary at 5 p.m. by the Christian Mothers and continue until 7 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Darlene's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Darlene was born on August 10, 1932, at Dedham, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Emma (Seidl) Wiskus. She grew up on the family farm near Dedham and attended St. Joseph School. Her family later moved to Carroll where she graduated from St. Angela's Academy in 1950. On June 1, 1957, Darlene was united in marriage to Gene Leiting. The couple farmed southwest

of Arcadia until Gene's passing in 1986. Darlene continued to live on the farm until 1998 when she moved to Arcadia.

She was a lifelong parishioner at St. John's Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, and a member of the Arcadia American Legion Auxiliary since 2005. Darlene was also past president of Christian Mothers, served on the parish council, and was organist for the church and choir since 1984 which she thoroughly loved and enjoyed. She also enjoyed listening to the radio and CDS, going to the casino, and playing euchre and rummikub with friends.

Survivors include her daughter Jane Wonderlin and husband Doug of Ankeny, her son Neil Leiting and wife Lisa of Westside; her grandsons: Steve (Kristen) Wonderlin, Matt (Ashley) Wonderlin, and Nick (Jordan) Wonderlin; her granddaughters: Emma Leiting, Mollie Leiting, and Madison Leiting; her great-grandsons: Zachary, Blake, Owen, Brantley, Gable Wonderlin; great-granddaughters: Gracyn and Lilly Wonderlin, and one on the way; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Gene in 1986; her brothers: Alfred, Clarence and Louis in infancy; and her sisters: Florence Balk, Tillie Wiskus, Dorothy Schreck, Sr. Christille Wiskus FSPA, Leonilla Wiskus and Geneva Dentlinger; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Clem Balk, John Schreck, Wilbert Dentlinger, Eileen Wiskus, Ella Wiskus, Gloria Wiskus, and Leo and Marian Hanrahan.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jane , Neil and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad Darlene and I had many fun conversations in the last several years. I will miss my long time classmate and friend.  
Dolores McCort

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**Dolores McCort** - August 24, 2021 at 05:51 PM

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“ I only knew Darlene for a short time, after she moved to Orchard View. She was a lovely lady, and I so enjoyed her musical talent! She played for us often! My condolences to the family. Dorothy Zierke

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**Dorothy Zierke** - August 24, 2021 at 11:24 AM



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



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August 23, 2021 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy to the children and extended family of Darlene! She was such a lovely Soul, a dedicated Catholic, played the most beautiful organ music at St. John's and was a good 'up and around' the street neighbor in Arcadia back in the day. I got to converse many times with Darlene in the past few months since my mom, Pat, was at Regency Park, too. Always the biggest wave and wanted to know all about my trip from KC and what I was helping Mom with now. Ha. I was thrilled with how talkative she was and was I happy that she celebrated her birthday earlier this month! Darlene will be missed by so many there at Regency, she was one of the "Girl Gang" that made Mom feel so welcome (she saved her a seat at the table every day), and I am so thankful for her smile and light-hearted attitude. May she be fluttering around free and fancy with all those family members who have gone before her! She was ready for a party :) Blessings and Condolences, Molly Hinners Bierl and Family

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**Molly Hinners Bierl** - August 23, 2021 at 08:22 PM

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“ My sympathy to the family of Darlene Leiting. The residents at Orchard View have enjoyed her music so often, especially during the pandemic. Darlene was a beautiful lady and a friend to all of us, from our first meeting. Heaven is surely filled with beautiful music now.

*Levan Eich*

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**Levan Eich** - August 23, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darlene Leiting.*



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August 23, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darlene Leiting.*



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August 23, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlene Leiting.*



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August 23, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Darlene was such a great organist for the St. John's Choir and such a great part of our neighborhood. So caring and loving.*

*Loras and Marlene Hoffmann*

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**Marlene** - August 22, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene Leiting.*



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August 22, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Leiting family. Darlene was such a gentle soul and always took time to visit with us when we would be back home. May she rest in peace.*  
*Doreen and Ken Berg*

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**Doreen and Ken Berg** - August 22, 2021 at 04:52 PM