



# **Dolores Burns-Schalm (nee Furlin)**

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**D**olores Marie Furlin was born in Centerville, Iowa on October 30, 1932. Jesus called her home on February 19, 2024. She was the second child of Luigi and Elvira (Vera) Furlin. Depending on who she was with, she was either called Dolly (with her family) or Dee (with friends, customers, and co-workers.)

Dolores married Bruce Burns on July 26, 1951, and started a family. When Bruce passed unexpectedly on September 26, 1967, Dolores was left to raise their four daughters on her own.

Dolores spent all her working days in restaurants, either as a waitress, hostess or manager. She loved this work. More important, she loved people. On several occasions she opened her home to friends or co-workers that needed a place to stay. Dolores showed her daughters at an early age how to love all people and was accepting of anyone who walked through her door.

On Valentines Day, 1974 Dolores married Harold Schalm. They remained together until his passing on September 1, 2002.

In addition to her parents and husbands, in her life Dolores loved her brother, Louis Furlin and his wife Pat, and her sister, Jennie Matuja.

Left behind to honor her life are her daughters Pamela Burns, Joyce Burns, Debbie Burns and Donna (Bob) Sears, grandchildren, Jessica Wandrie, Lauren Puranen, Aleece Austin, Robert Sears, Zachary Smith and Nathan Sears as well as twelve great grandchildren and her stepchildren Ursula Schalm (daughter Amanda), Monica Schalm and Alex Schalm.

The family will gather at a date in the future to celebrate the life of one of the finest women who ever lived. At this time, if you knew Dolores, please take a moment to remember her in your own way, but more important, honor her by being kind to another human being.

Mother, we always knew that you loved us more.



## Events

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### Cemetery Details

 Cremation



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DV

**Donald Viecelli** posted:

When I think of Dolly, I always remember her kind smile and her sense of humor. I only saw her at our family reunions and at times of family member passings. I am glad my father and mother chose her to be my godmother, even though she was so young at the time. She must have been a very mature teenager. Sue and I will miss her. I hope the memory of her life lives on in her grandchildren and others that knew her long into the future. Don and Sue Viecelli

April 9 at 9:01 AM

CL

**Carole Ludwick** posted:

Very sorry to hear of cousin Dolly's passing. I know my father, Richard Viecelli always had a special spot for her in his heart. Whenever we were out and about, if we were anywhere near any restaurant where she was working he wanted to stop and see his cousin Dolly. I sure hope the gang were all ready to greet her with open arms and great love. ❤️

February 22 at 4:21 PM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 5:03 PM

Thank you, Carole. Every time she spoke of him she would refer to him as "My cousin, Richard". We all, of course, knew who Richard was. Family was very important to her.

MS

**Margie Smith** posted:

Donna, my prayers and thoughts are with you and all of your family at this sad time. I'm sure she is safe in God's arms. Margie Smith

February 22 at 10:50 AM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 5:00 PM

Thank you, Margie. I know she is surrounded by love right now.

KN

**Kevin Nanasy** posted:

Condolences to the family, a very special lady.

February 22 at 8:43 AM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 4:59 PM

Thank you. She was special indeed.



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AL

**Ann Marie Lamore** posted:

Dee was always so kind to me. She always thought more of others than herself. I still have the Christmas lantern she gave me so many years ago! I know she is greatly missed by all who knew her. God be with you Dee and your family. 🙏❤️🙏 With much love, Ann Marie "formerly Schalm" Lamore

February 21 at 2:09 AM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 4:59 PM

Thank you, Ann Marie. This is very kind of you to say. She loved Christmas and especially giving gifts.

JK

**Jr Kirtek** posted:

So sorry to hear of Aunt Dolly's passing. I never got to see her very often, but did enjoy it when I did. I also enjoyed hearing from her once in a while, when she'd let me know how the weather was in Harrison!

February 20 at 2:16 PM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 4:58 PM

Thank you for the kind words, JR. She got a kick out knowing someone on TV.

TH

**Tracey Hulett** posted:

Donna and family im so sorry to see the loss of your mom. May God wrap his arms around you all give you much comfort in the coming days😊. Sending many hugs!!Tracey Hulett

February 20 at 11:38 AM

DS

**Donna Sears** February 27 at 4:55 PM

Thank you for the kind words, Tracey.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Dolores by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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