



Darlene Clarke

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Darlene E. Clarke, 89, of Clinton, passed away in her home in the company of her family on January 14, 2020.

Darlene E. Creighton was born on June 28, 1930, in Thomson, Illinois, the oldest daughter of George and Lottie (Edwards) Creighton. She moved to Clinton in 1947, where she worked as a Telephone Operator for Bell Telephone. Shortly thereafter she met Harry K. Clarke and they were married on December 20, 1950; Harry passed away May 1, 2013. Darlene and Harry raised four children: H. Kenyon Clarke (Monica), Steven C. Clarke (Lisa), Tracey D. Clarke and Rae Ann (Clarke) Angel (Keith).

Darlene devoted her adult life to supporting her husband and raising her children. She will be remembered by all who knew her as a loving mother and wife. Her selflessness was evident to all. Darlene was one of those rare people who made everyone around her better. She supported her husband, children, grandchildren and all of her friends through all of their lives' various endeavors. She was a Scouting Den Mother, Room Mother, Jane Lamb Hospital Auxiliary member, and supported her husband in his Shriner's activities. Darlene always put others ahead of herself.

Darlene and Harry owned and operated Bicklehaupt Motor Company in Clinton, Iowa, for 25 years. After retirement, they split their time between Clinton and Green Valley, Arizona. Darlene and Harry also traveled extensively throughout their marriage. Along with wonderful family vacations when their children were younger, they visited Europe and various locations around the US.

Her cooking was celebrated and appreciated by all those fortunate enough to have enjoyed her culinary talents. She was also a faithful Cubs fan, watched them play at every opportunity and was thrilled that she lived to see them win the World Series.



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Darlene is survived by her four children, grandchildren: Charlie (Valerie), Dave, Liz, and Pete (Zoë), step grandchildren: Brian (Ali), Sara and Brent, as well as great grandchildren: Layden, Mandan, Luca, Chaz, Delaney, Austin and Jackson. Also survived by her siblings: Pamalee, John, Melody and Bob Wells. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her siblings: George Jr., Helen and Lana. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 12:30pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be from noon to the service time at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com. The family requests that donations in her memory be made to Many Hands for Haiti (mh4h.com).



Events


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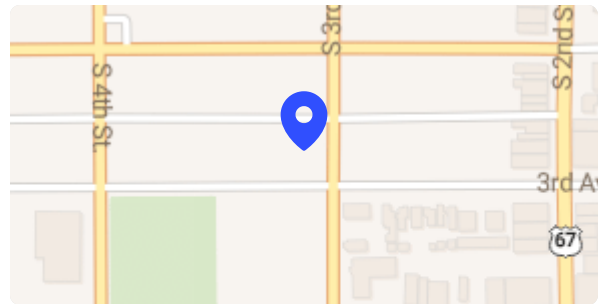
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, June 28, 2020


 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM CT


 **Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732

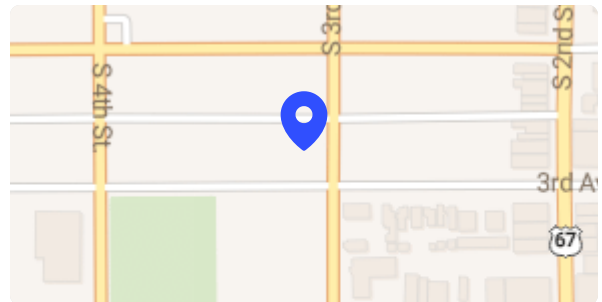


Service

 **Sunday**, June 28, 2020

 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM CT

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Tribute Wall

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JF

Jack And Donna Fish sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Clarke family.

June 25 at 8:32 AM



DA

Dick Phelps & The Staff Of Us Auctioneers, Inc sent an Arrive in Style to the Clarke family.

June 24 at 10:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Ringed by Love to the Clarke family.

June 24 at 6:08 AM



CN

Carol Nass posted:

Volker and I share many fond memories of Darlene and Harry. We first met in 1997, when we bought their property on Hwy. 67, which would later become Hillside Stables. After opening our restaurant we had plenty of opportunity to enjoy Darlene's company when the Clarke family came to call. She was always so vibrant and fun to be around. You will be missed. Our sympathy goes out to the Clarke family.

June 22 at 11:25 AM

MH

Mary Henricksen lit a candle in honor of Darlene.

Aunt Darlene was the best Aunt to have. I loved going down to visit Uncle Harry and her in Green Valley though out their time in Arizona every winter. She will be missed. Love to my cousin's at the loss of their Mother, Grandmother. Love, Mary Henricksen

January 17 at 3:24 PM





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Dusty Gyetvan posted:

I was looking forward to meeting Grandma Darlene ❤️

January 16 at 7:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Clarke family.



January 16 at 6:02 AM



Michael Dmith posted:

I didn't know Mrs. Clarke but I knew her daughter Tracey.... so I knew she must of been a good one. Full of kindness... empathy. My condolences to everyone. Mike & Sue Smith.

January 16 at 5:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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