



## Norma "Darleen" Shepherd

August 20, 1938 - May 9, 2023

Our loving, devoted "Granny Darleen" made her way to heaven to be with her soulmate on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at the young age of 84. Her desire to be with him the past 2 years has been constant, and we rejoice as a family knowing they have been reunited forever.

Darleen was simple, kind and worked alongside her precious love Everett for many years serving as Pastors wife. She took that role to heart and reached many with her sweet, quiet loving spirit. She also worked for many years at Belview Elementary School as Head Custodian, being a confidant to many of her coworkers who became like family to her.

Not your typical "granny", Darleen wasn't really much of a cook, didn't bake, didn't crochet. What she offered us was her time and love. Riding roller coasters with Lori because Anita and Everett wouldn't, buying Anita a piano because she paid for Lori to have braces. Getting in the floor with the great-grandchildren and playing, giving all the kids a wadded up "piece of money", so each could buy what they wanted. The cool, spunky granny who wore jeans and a button down plaid or denim shirt daily, had her hair blonde until she took her last breath. She was tough as nails, but a gentle precious soul. Our Dr Pepper drinking, Jesus loving granny is now at peace and receiving her eternal reward she so greatly deserved.

Darleen was preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Everett E. Shepherd, son Larry G. Shepherd, Mother and Father; Pete and Louise Linkous, Brothers; Ross, Bobby and Kelly, as well as many friends and loved ones gone before her.

Granny is survived by her grandchildren who she loved and cared for like her own, Lori Tibbs, Anita Bland (Craig), John Tibbs.

Also surviving her are her great-grandchildren, Madison, Haley (Michael), Jordan, Hannah (Daylin), John Isaac and Michaela. She was also blessed to be great-great granny to Zoe. Her daughter-in-law Pamela Shepherd, sisters in law, Ellen Linkous and Shirley Linkous also survive her.

Our family wishes to thank caregivers, Kathy McCoy, Missy Albert, and Wanda Lang for their love and support of Granny over the past couple years. Also, our gratitude to her nephew Carl Linkous for always stopping in for a visit or taking her for a ride. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Good Samaritan Hospice for loving on our granny and caring for our family during this time. Teresa, Debbie, Betsy, and Denise, you will forever be a part of our family.

And we could certainly never forget how kind and supportive McCoy Funeral Home has been to our family over the years.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, May 15th at 11 AM with visitation from 10-11 AM in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Darleen's nephew, Reverend Rodney Linkous will officiate. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Good Samaritan Hospice, 1160 Moose Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Proverbs 31:29

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all”.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Lori & Family - So very sorry for your loss. May God wrap you in his loving arms and be your strengthening refuge during this time. Love you Lori!!!!*  
*-Alicia*

Alicia Adam - May 12, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd.*



May 12, 2023 at 04:41 PM

MK

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family.*

Mike and Judy Keister - May 12, 2023 at 09:32 AM

SF

“ *Sonny Moser and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd.*



Sonny Moser and Family - May 12, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd.*



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May 12, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Sending prayers to the family of Darlene, I remember going to Everett and Darlene's church singing with my Dad. I still remember their laughs when Dad would tell them old hunting stories, we enjoyed the preaching and worship with them and all the memories that was made with them. They were wonderful people, Sending prayers and love to all the family.*

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**Teresa Woolwine** - May 12, 2023 at 12:45 AM



“ *Glenda Patton lit a candle in memory of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd*



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**Glenda Patton** - May 11, 2023 at 02:52 PM



*I didn't know this lady, but I can just tell she was a priceless woman. I'm so sorry for the family and your loss, but glad she was a Christian and is watching now from Heaven. May God comfort and keep you all as you mourn for He is near to the broken hearted.*

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**Glenda Patton** - May 11, 2023 at 02:54 PM

LF

“ Loretta Faul lit a candle in memory of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd



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Loretta Faul - May 11, 2023 at 01:50 PM

LP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss . My mom loved Everett & Darlene , whenever she would ask them to pray for over the years , they did so without hesitation. She always said from Everett's lips to God's ear. Sending prayers to all the family .



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Loretta Akers Pendley - May 11, 2023 at 12:14 PM

GF

“ Gaborik Family lit a candle in memory of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd



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Gaborik Family - May 11, 2023 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to your family.



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JoBeth Brown - May 11, 2023 at 11:20 AM

KM

“ *Kathy S McCoy lit a candle in memory of Norma "Darleen" Shepherd*



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**Kathy S McCoy** - May 11, 2023 at 11:09 AM

KM

*Darleen was a faithful servant for God. If there ever was a perfect couple it was Darleen and Everett I'm going to miss her so much. I felt honored that I could help care for both of them. Sending prayers and love to all the family. I love you all. ❤️❤️*

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**Kathy S McCoy** - May 11, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DW

*Darlene was such a sweetheart. I always loved running into her and Everett in town. I want to share a childhood memory. I, loved to go visit them when we lived not far down the road. I remember that she keep frozen cream pies in the freezer, and she would take one out and share a slice. We didn't get store bought sweets often, so it was a real treat. Who can forget Everett's gold tooth. He was such a fun guy. I miss them both, but I am glad that they are finally re-united with their only son. I know that was some reunion.*

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**Delores Wall** - May 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM