



Darla Banks Schafer

May 15, 1946 - May 9, 2011

Darla Banks Schafer, age 64 of Crabapple, left us to be in peace with God, on Monday, May 9, 2011. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. John Banks, and her best friend, Jesus. She leaves behind (in sorrow) her husband and soul mate of 25 years, Jack Schafer; her loving beautiful daughter, Christina Kelly; the perfect mother, Bernice Banks; and everyone who ever knew and loved her. A private memorial service has been planned, and she will live on in our hearts forever. No flowers please...if you wish to make a gift in her love, memory, and honor, please do so to any Humane Society Animal Shelter, or to the Joel Osteen Ministries. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory of Roswell is assisting the family with her remains, God was there for her Transition..

Cemetery Details

Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Private service

Tribute Wall



“ *Darla Banks Schafer*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Jack,*

I was a classmate of Darla's. As several of us were having our first 50-year reunion committee meeting yesterday, we talked a lot about precious Darla and others who have preceded us to heaven. We are going to put together a memory book and I would like to get your permission to reprint her obituary and photo for the book. If there is anything else you would like to include, please contact me. Loving thoughts are still with you and your family.##imported-begin##Sharon File##imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 09:01 PM



“ I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for expressing your thoughts and love for Darla. You can read about how she passed on www.EmoryCancer.com an internet site I was able to buy and build shortly after her passing.

So much more important than the way she passed away, was the way she lived. From the young lady that some of you knew, to the woman I married 25 years ago, she never met anyone that she didn't like, and to have know Darla, was to love her as well. We shared a very blessed lifetime together, and God was always at the center of her being. As difficult as it was losing her so suddenly, we know that God was in control. She had one of the most difficult forms of cancer for over 2 years, and never knew it. The alternative of treatments and surgeries would have been unthinkable, and she was spared all of that. She passed in 4 days after being diagnosed, and even during that time, was never in pain. **WHAT A BLESSING !** Her Mother, daughter, and I made up some memorial cards with flower seeds, and we have some left. If you would like me to mail one to you, please email me at JFSchafer@aoo.com, and send me your address.

Our last 25 years were beautiful, and she's home now in a place with God, that she never forgot...

Blessings to you all,

Jack Schafer##imported-begin##Jack Schafer##imported-end##

August 02, 2011 at 11:13 PM

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I was her Home Ec teacher at Bullard High School in Fresno, Calif in 1962-63. She was truly remarkable in every way. After all these years I remember her clearly. My heart is with all of you. Take care, Dr. Marjorie Kross

Marjorie Kross - November 14, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Darla's Bullard High 1964 classmates are just now learning of her passing. I am so very, very sorry. She was truly special, and one of my favorite all-time memories was when Jeanne (Lehmann) and I submitted her application for Miss Teenage America!!! See, we knew how special she was! I would love to know more about her life. I am so very happy to know that I will see her again in heaven, and to know that she is in the comforting presence of Jesus...but also so very sorry for your painful loss.##imported-begin##Sharon (Shute) File##imported-end##

July 30, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ Bernice, I am so sorry to hear about Darla. It is so hard for me to believe. Darla and I had so much fun when we were young. I have some wonderful memories. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Arlene Brown Harrell##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 10:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear the news and God Bless your family!##imported-begin##Gary Masich##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 02:48 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Darla's dear mother, Bernice. I'm just heartbroken for her, as our children are not supposed to leave this earth before we do. I know Bernice has the assurance that Darla is in the arms of Jesus and of course this will be her comfort. But she will miss her Darla so much. I sure hope Bernice knows I'm thinking about her and would love to talk to her when she's feeling up to it.##imported-begin##Barbara Masich Heavner##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ So sorry for the lose of your wife and mother, I grew up with Darla in Dinuba, CA and she was always a very friendly and kind person even as a classmate. My prayers will be with all of you during this time of grieving her lose. Larry Schmidt##imported-begin##Larry Schmidt##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 11:03 PM



“ Childhood friend of Darla's from Dinuba, California.
Always so proud of our Miss Teenage America.
My mother (Leona Jarrett) held Bernice in such high regard.

Sorry for your loss, but excited for Darla, what a joy to know she is in heaven.##imported-begin##Joeline Jarrett Wieburg##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ Dear Bernice, Words just can't say how sorry I am for your loss. I loved Darla as a sister all my life. I have such wonderful memories to hold to, as I know you do. God Bless You!
Judy - Dinuba, California##imported-begin##Judy Osborn Lopez##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 06:02 PM



“ I went to the church of Christ in Dinuba, Calif when Darla's father John was the minister and also to high school with Darla. My sympathy goes to the family at this time. Darla was a beautiful person.##imported-begin##Judy Hennies##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ I remember Darla from Dinuba High School. She was so very kind and sweet. My heart goes out to your family.##imported-begin##Kathy (Steele) Hurst##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 04:17 PM



“ I would like to take this time to express my sorrow for the loss of my wonderful classmate. It was a pleasure to know her. I am from Dinuba Ca. Please accept my deepest regret. May the family be blessed
Warmest Regards,
Sande Golden (class of 1965)##imported-begin##Sande Golden / Crawford##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ My prayers are with your family at this time. It is always hardest for the ones left behind.
I knew Darla from Dinuba school days. She was such a cutie and delight. My memories will always be of her at a tender and fun loving age.##imported-begin##Linda Montgomery (McCormick)##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 01:45 PM



“ I went to elementary school with Darla. She was always friendly, sweet and lovely.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Suzanne Butler##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for the loss of your precious wife, mother and daughter. Darla was a lovely classmate. Prayers are going up for your family! Love, Carol Knoy##imported-begin##Carol Knoy##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ Remembering Darla from her young days in Dinuba, CA. Our thoughts & prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Rick & Valyn Kandarian##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 11:16 AM



“ Darla was a wonderful lady . I will always remember her beauty was inside as well as on the outside . My prayers are with the family .
.##imported-begin##Sheryl Cornwell ##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 04:25 PM



“ Today, Mat 15th is Darla's Birthday... and she was gifted this years to return to be one with God... a place that she never forgot. We were all fortunate to have shared one time with her while she was visiting, but knowing that she is home now, and has always been ready, is the knowing that she left behind to heal our hearts. Bless you all...
Jack Schafer##imported-begin##Jack Schafer##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 01:02 PM



“ I was honored to know Darla. The world will miss her sweet and loving spirit. She's singing in the angels choir now, and can't you just hear that sweet refrain.##imported-begin##Joel Reynolds##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ Dear Aunt Bernice, Jack, & Christina,
Our love and prayers of comfort go out to you. I know the sorrow seems too much to bear, but God will give you the strength that you need. Darla was one of the sweetest, most beautiful ladies I have ever known, but above all, she had a tremendous faith in her Lord. May peace come to you in the knowledge that she is now with Him as one of His angels, and heaven has been blessed ~ Betty, Samuel, and Mollie###imported-begin##Betty McCarroll###imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 03:10 AM



“ I wish that I could be there with you. Just wanted all of you to know how special Darla was to me. I wish I could be more like her. She had such a huge heart, just like Aunt Bernice. I can only imagine what all of you are going through. I love you and hope that I can see all of you soon.###imported-begin##Julie Westmoreland###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ Aunt Bernice, Jack and Christina,
Our thoughts and prayers continue with you as you go through these coming days. We love you all as we loved Darla, and our hearts ache in the loss. She had such a sweet spirit and that will continue to live on in our memories. Beautiful on the inside and outside, she will truly be missed. Our love to you all, Oney, Joel, Chase and Taylor###imported-begin##Oney Reynolds###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ *Brandi and I were so saddened to hear of Darla's passing. She was a bright spirit.*

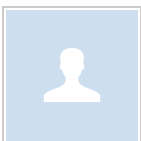
*Jim and Brandi###imported-begin##Jim and Brandi
White###imported-end##*

May 13, 2011 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Plunk, Jack, and Christina,
Our hearts are broken with yours. We weren't ready for Darla to leave us. She was a unique, gentle, beautiful person who I know touched many with her dazzling smile and loving heart. May God's loving hand be on you all and give you comfort in precious memories and the love of family and friends, and understanding and healing in His good time. Our love and prayers are with you~
Ken and Phyllis###imported-begin##Ken and Phyllis
Green###imported-end##*

May 13, 2011 at 12:26 AM



“ *Dear Bernice, Christina and Jack:
You are in my thoughts and prayers during your season of mourning. May your many sweet memories of Darla bring you much comfort, joy, and peace.
Catherine Tinsley Tuell###imported-begin##Catherine Tinsley
Tuell###imported-end##*

May 11, 2011 at 10:47 PM