



Darlene Nelson

September 28, 1943 - January 8, 2026

Darlene "Dolly" Nelson, age 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 8th, at home in Antioch, IL. Darlene was born on September 28, 1943, to parents Joseph Bauer and Rachel (Brassart) Bauer. She enjoyed growing up in Chicago with her parents and sister Judy, and many family members and friends. She graduated from Waller High School and attended Wilbur Wright College. She worked in the secretarial field, including a position with WGN Television.

Darlene married her beloved husband of 53 years, Richard Nelson, on March 5, 1966. They had 3 children; Matthew, Michelle, and Melinda. They moved to Antioch, IL in 1977. She continued to work as a secretary and in retail, and later became a computer programmer at Abbott Labs.

Darlene enjoyed painting, sewing, and woodworking, and used her skills to make various crafts, which she sold at craft fairs and stores. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and was an avid reader. Her favorite times were those spent with her family.

Darlene's loving, generous, and compassionate nature will be missed. She is survived by son Matthew Nelson, daughter Michelle Nelson, daughter Melinda Logan, granddaughter Mckenna Nelson, grandson Patrick Logan, and many family members and friends.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

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Services will be private.