



## Darlene Markazene

June 12, 2020

Darlene Markazene, 70, of Monroeville, died on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on September 19, 1949 in Charleroi, PA. to Andrew and Elizabeth Spisak. She married Richard Markazene on September 22, 1973. She graduated from the California University of PA., where she acquired her bachelor's and master's degrees. Darlene was a longtime resident of Monroeville, where she secured her first teaching position in 1971 in the Gateway School District and retired 35 years later. She held several teaching positions which included a third-grade teacher, Reading and Math Resource teacher, and Gifted Education teacher. Gifted with intellect, caring, sharing and giving, and passed those qualities on to a lovely daughter and granddaughter. Her love of God and family, and her boundless generosity, were central to her life and touched all who knew her. Darlene's beautiful spirit is etched in our memories and will be with us until we join her in an eternal walk with the Lord. Darlene was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Greensburg, PA., where she faithfully served in a variety of capacities including Sunday School teacher and financial and secretarial positions. She never failed to give her testimony of God's goodness in her life even when her health was failing. Darlene was defined by the love and generosity that she had for other people. She always thought of others first, second and third before she ever thought of herself. She woke up each day thinking of what she could do for others to make them happy, even during her last days, she

instructed her family to buy gifts and/or send food to other people. Her pride and joy was her only granddaughter, Leah Elizabeth, who consumed most of her free time. Her devotion and self-sacrificing to her family was unsurpassed. Darlene was the beloved wife of Richard Markazene; mother of Shelley Markazene Coughter (Peter); grandmother of Leah Elizabeth; sister of Mary Ann Keener (Fred), Alice Saeli (Joe); sister in-law of Marcella Sutherland (Al); aunt to Scott Sutherland, Brian Sutherland (Wendy), Marcy Sutherland, Anthony Saeli (Julie), Robert Bays, and Cindy Lea Thomas; and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100), and where a funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 10 a.m., with Rev. Timothy Gehly and Rev. Paul Gehly co-officiating. Interment will be held privately for the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Church of Jesus Christ, 112 Walton Tea Room Rd., Greensburg, PA. 15601 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ I met Darlene at Garden City Elementary School in 1979. We shared stories about our very young daughters every day at lunch. Darlene was the epitome of kindness and goodness. Frank's and my sincere condolences are sent in prayers to Rick, Shelly, and all family members.  
Ann Augustine

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**Ann Augustine** - June 16, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BB

“ Happy memories always of my Roscoe friend, Darlene. Growing up in our town and enjoying elementary, junior high, and high school days with Darlene were days of fun, laughter, and just the Best of memories. Darlene was a sweet, kind friend that always worried about her friends before herself! I will always smile when I think of her as laughter and joy were her specialties! She was loved by all her friends. Me for sure! She will be missed. Hugs sent to Heaven!  
Becky Gillen Barbero

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**Becky Barbero** - June 15, 2020 at 09:42 PM

VM

“ Rick and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Darlene was always a very welcoming and positive individual. May fond memories help to ease this difficult time and keep Darlene in your hearts. Please know that both Darlene and your entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

With heartfelt sympathy,  
Vic and Carmie Maccarelli

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**Vic Maccarelli** - June 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KA

“ Lessons learned from Darlene - Always listen like no one else is in the room, Love with all your heart and Spreads a little joy everyday. She will be deeply missed. -

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**Kim and Peter Augustine** - June 15, 2020 at 06:14 PM

RW

“ Always smiling, a loving caring wife and Mother, ready to help in a minute, a friend to love and a great neighbor. This is only part of what we feel when we think of Darlene. Our heartfelt sympathy and love go out to you Rick, Shelly, Peter and Leah and to her sisters and their families. You have lost so much with Darlene's passing but heaven gained an angel who will always be watching over you. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Rae Ann and Gene Wagner

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**Rae Ann Wagner** - June 14, 2020 at 08:39 PM

LG

“ The first time I met Mimi, she immediately gave me the longest, sweetest and biggest hug there is. Her loving energy is unwavering and I always loved when she came to visit. Even though we did not know each other for very long she always made it seem like we did. I appreciated her so much and she always made me smile. I know she is up there making everyone feel safe, warm, and most importantly loved, because that is how she made me and others around her feel. I Love you Mimi. 💜

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**Luvida Gibson** - June 14, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JH

“ When I think of Darlene, she is always smiling. What a class act. I worked with Rick at Evergreen and I always admired their marriage, their friendship. My second thought of Darlene is seeing her with Alice, laughing, eating their post lunch chocolate. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Love, Jennifer Hayes  
P.S. Forgive me if this is posted 2x, I think I deleted my first attempt my mistake!

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**Jennifer Hayes** - June 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

BS

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Rick, Shelly, Joe, Alice and extended family. Darlene sure was one special lady. Those of us who worked with her were very fortunate Darlene always had a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She was kind and caring to the students and those she worked with. May she rest in peace. God bless you all!*

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**Beth Smith** - June 16, 2020 at 08:06 PM

RF

“ Our deepest heartfelt sympathies to you all. Sister Darlene was such a beautiful, loving, giving and caring person. She was a wonderful example of faithfulness, service and steadfastness to Jesus Christ. We know that she has her reward in Heaven and now is at peace & rest. We will miss her deeply, but her love and her example in life will certainly live on.

*All of our love, thoughts and prayers to you at this time Bro. Rick, Shelley, Leah, and the rest of the family.*

*Love in Jesus Christ to you all  
Joseph, Raziel and Josiah Fallavollitti*

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**Rachel F.** - June 13, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful...a life to be proud of, a person I was blessed to know and an extraordinary mother and grandmother. It's difficult to think that someone so full of life and happiness is no longer with us.*  
*Cynthia and Peter Coughter*

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**Peter Coughter** - June 13, 2020 at 03:06 PM