

**Sister Darlene
Schwarte, 78**

Sept. 15, 1937 - March 17, 2016

JOHNSTON — Darlene Lavinia Schwarte was born September 15, 1937 in Earling to Joseph and Helen Ratigan Schwarte. She entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1956 and professed vows in 1959. Sister received her AA from Ottumwa Heights College, Ottumwa and a teaching certificate from Marycrest College, Davenport.

She taught elementary school in St. Pius X, Des Moines; Sacred Heart, West

Des Moines; St. Mary, Oskaloosa; was a teacher aide in St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL; St. Pius X, Des Moines; and a para-professional at St. Patrick, Missouri Valley and St. Edward, Houston, TX.

From 1983 until her retirement in 2010, she was engaged in food service at Humility of Mary Center, Davenport; she had previously assisted with food service at Ottumwa Heights College and Motherhouse, Ottumwa. Sister Darlene Schwarte, CHM, died March 17, 2016 at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston at age 78.

Sister Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Eugene, Dwayne, Harold and Michael and her sister, Sister Madonna Schwarte, ND. She is survived by brothers Albert (Gay), Richard (Myrna) and Joe (Vernita). Surviving sisters are Irene (Ed) Reischl, Thelma (Gordon) Nelson and Karen (Clarence) Brinker; sisters-in-law are Glenda Hall and Marilyn Schwarte. Other survivors are the Sisters and Associates of her religious community.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Bishop Drumm, Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Visitation at the Chapel began 3 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 concluding with a 4 p.m. Vigil Service. It continued from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, prior to the Mass. Interment was 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Ottumwa. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at Humility of Mary Center, Davenport at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Memorials may be made to the Congregation of the Humility of Mary 820 West Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA 52804.



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