



## Darlene O'Ruairc

October 3, 1944 - March 6, 2008

Darlene O'Ruairc (Ruark), age 63 of Clawson Passed away March 6, 2008. Loving mother of Synthia (William) Winnie of Garden City, MI, Scott (Trinity) Brown of Lincoln, CA, and Suzanne Brown of Clawson. Dear sister of Donna Ruark of Port Orange, FL,. Grandmother of Ashley, Amelia and Joe .Preceded in death by David and Dennis (Nora) Ruark. Dear aunt of Tina, Dennis and David (Julie) Ruark, and Beth (Dave) Bezemek.

Darlene worked at Beaumont Hospital as an X-Ray Tech for over 20Yrs. She loved her flowers and plants and was active in the Michigan Plant Exchange. Visitation Tuesday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill).

Funeral service Wednesday 1:00 PM at the funeral home. ❖



Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Memorial Fund c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland, Mi 48185.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene O'Ruairc*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mom, I was shocked to hear the news! You were always another mom to me!! I loved talking about old pictures you had, and going through the "OLD" Sears catalogs with you! I'll never forget your smiling face, the many BBQ's we had together, your craftyness and your love for gardening! May you rest in peace in a much better place! Till we meet again! Love you*

**Dawn M.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ *It's been two months since you left Darlene. You are still thought of fondly. and often.*

**me** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ *I too knew Darlene through MPE, and will miss her encouragement, enthusiasm and warmth. We had a good time working together on the Habitat landscaping project.*

**Jen Bezanson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

TG

“ To Darlene's family...  
We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was an asset to everyone. From her helping hands in the community to the newbie gardener with whom she shared her gardens with. And not asking a thing back in return. She was a wonderful woman. We will miss "Queen Google"...if you needed an answer and she didn't have one, she could find it faster than lightening on Google. We will all miss her sense of humor and guiding hand. God will see you through this difficult time and give you strenght to carry on.

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**The Garden Gang! (msn group)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

RL

“ I met Darlene through Michigan Plant Exchange. She was generous with her knowledge, a cheerful voice and a true inspiration. Heaven's gardens just became very lucky. I will cherish my flowers from her. Please know Darlene's love will continue to flourish in gardens far and wide.

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**Rhonda in White Lake** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

GA

“ I'm a newbie member of Michigan Plantaholics at Yahoo groups. Although, I never had an opportunity to know Darlene, from members of our group, she truly was an amazing person and will be missed.  
In remembrance of Darlene, perhaps, this year you'd plant Forget Me Nots. And each time you see them bloom, think of Darlene and how she touched your life.

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**Gail** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

LW

“ To Darlene's family,  
I am saddened at the death of Darlene. I worked with her at the Fern. and enjoyed her laughter and humor. May the Lord comfort you at this difficult time, and turn to Him in time of sorrow. She will be greatly missed.

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**Linda W** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

LR

“ To Dar's Family,

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of your Mother and Grandmother. I worked Dar at "The Fern" for many happy years and loved her dearly. She had always been kind and very dear to me. She was a true Fernie at heart and we will miss her always.

Love,

Lisa Mos (Frontero-Roldan)

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**Lisa Frontero Roldan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

AH

“ Please accept my condolences at the loss of your mother, grandmother, and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

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**Ann H** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

AW

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU WE SURE WILL MISS YOU.

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**ANDY AND JAMIE WINNIE** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

JO

“ Dear family of Darlene O'Ruairc, I'm sorry to hear about the death of your dear loved one. I hope you know about God's purpose to remove death for all times. If not, read it in your bible in the book of Revelation, chapter 21, verse 4 (Rev 21:4). But what about Ms. O'Ruairc? John 5:28,29 tells about her resurrection or awakening from sleeping in death. An example of a resurrection is wonderfully recorded in the bible at John 11:11-14,43. Almighty God, Jehovah (Exodus 6:3) will use his son, Jesus to fulfill these and other promises real soon. A neighbor

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**Joyce** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

MC

“ Darlene, I am gonna miss you terribly. You were my second mom and we always talked about everything from our lives, our friends, family and if I was having a bad day, you made me laugh! You are in heaven now and you are at peace. We will meet again.....love Marty

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**Marty in Clawson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

JM

“ I FEEL SO BAD I LOST TOUCH WITH DARLENE I WORKED WITH HER @ THE FERN FOR 11 YEARS AND NEW HER CHILDREN, WHAT A GREAT LOSS, MY HEART AND PRAY'S GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU KIDS YOUR MOTHER WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH BY MANY. NOW MAY SHE BE AT PEACE. TIME WILL EASE THE PAIN YOU MUST FEEL AT THIS TIME I WILL MISS YOU DARLENE. JANET MCCARTHY

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**janet mccarthy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

CB

“ For three years MPE has had the pleasure of Darlene running the group and getting to know her. Not only did Darlene exceed expectations of being a great moderator, she excelled and surpassed other MPE owners before her.

*Her age, and health never slowed her down, nor did it keep her from being on the ground, digging in the garden and creating new ones; organizing the landscaping around a house built for Habitat for Humanity in Pontiac as well as gathering ALL of the plants for this project; being my "dispatcher" whilst I drove alone to Fla in 2006; finding clothing for a family that lost everything in a fire; making HER special cookies for special people at Christmas; she had also helped on a campaign for a guy running for county commissioner, simply because he was MY friend. The list goes on and on.*

*Her friends were like flowers in a well tended garden. They multiplied and flourished because of her great smile and laughter, and love for friends. Darlene epitomized this montra: Live, Love and Laugh at life to it's fullest.  
I will miss you Darlene.*

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**Cheryl B.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry Synthia and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jo Harvey** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

LL

“ Words can't even express my sincere and deepest condolences to all of Darlene's family. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all!

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**Lori L.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

KA

“ You have been a wonderful neighbor, I will miss you very much, especially this summer when we did most of our garden chatting, thanks for all the gardening tips and humor...

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**Kathy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

YF

“ Hey Ruark! You were everyone's BESTEST FRIEND .. especially mine. You were always there ... helped everyone. You were the Wind Beneath MY Wings when I needed lifting. I will miss your cackle and smart alec humor.  
May you find the gardens in Heaven to your liking.

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**Your Best friend** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of great loss. I hope God heals your hearts quickly. Darlene will be greatly missed.

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**Dawn** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

HW

“ I have not lost just a friend, I have lost a mentor as well to myself and my children. Her love to her family and friends was great. No one could ask for a greater friend. Her love for gardening, genealogy, and helping out anyone in trouble was great. She made sure the future of tomorrow could understand the joys of life thru her helping hands whether it was helping out a family who lost everything to a fire, or just making sure the little girl down the road who showed an interest in her garden got some seeds so she too could grow love and memories.  
I will miss you my dear friend and you shall hold a very VERY special place in both my heart and that of my children.

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**Holly Willson-Wright** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

VM

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother, sister, Aunt, and Grandma. May she rest in peace.

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**Vicki in West Mi** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

GB

“ I'm so sorry with Darlene's loss. I knew her from the MichiganPlant Exchange list. We traded some flowers.

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**Gerald Brierley** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

AW

“ We know Darlene thru her love of flowers. We will miss her bright smile, her upbeat attitude, and her quest to bring out the best in everyone who had the pleasure to know her. Goodbye dear friend.

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**Allen & Theresa Wecker** - December 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM