



Darlene T. Waller

May 11, 1953 - August 19, 2022

Darlene T Waller, 69 of Bonita Springs, died Friday August 19, 2022 at her home. She was born May 11, 1953 in Jacksonville, FL a daughter of the late Lee Matthews and Lillian Wilczeski.

She leaves her husband James, son Thomas and his wife Sherri and grandchildren Summer, Grayson, Ryder and Rosemary.

Darlene was a devote Roman Catholic and a member of Saint Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs.

Darlene lived in Florida when she met James, and their family began in California where they lived for 33 years. Darlene and James later moved to Bonita Springs to be near Thomas's family.

Darlene graduated High School in Escondido California. She became a legal secretary, started a legal secretary placement agency Darlene's Referrals, before moving to Monterey. She then became a hotel manager while pursuing a new career in Massage Therapy. Darlene loved to travel and explore the outdoors and late in life learned to ride motorcycles. For over 6 years Darlene and James traveled together all through the western states just the two of them for weeks at a time. She lived her life in much the same way working hard while taking time to stop, be a part of and enjoy life. Darlene was free

and sober for 39 years.

Darlene met many new friends as owner of Cote D' Azur Restaurant.

Darlene was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be missed terribly and was very much loved by many.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, on Saturday September 10th in Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs. Inurnment will follow at Naples Memorial Gardens.

To sign Darlene's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Leo Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Rd
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-0901

Committal Service

SEP 10. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Naples Memorial Gardens
525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene T. Waller*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Oh Darlene, the one and only. I was thinking about you so much over the past month and I couldn't figure out why and today I came across your obituary in The Herald. I loved seeing you over the years after school, showing you the babies as they were born and growing. It was always so nice catching up with you. So full of energy and the perfect amount of wit and sarcasm. Although we will miss you terribly down here, you definitely deserve your spot in the clouds. You are and will always be such an amazing person. See you again Darlene!!!*



Monique - September 19, 2022 at 05:05 PM

CC

“ *If she hadn't been at the Monterey Plaza Hotel when I was there, I don't think I would have lasted as long as I did. Her sense of humor kept my sanity in that nuthouse. I'll always remember that vivacious laugh, and the good heart behind it.*



So sorry, James. I know she was the light of your life. My condolences to the family.

Charla Claessen

Charla Claessen - September 15, 2022 at 01:02 PM

AW

“ *Andrea L Wilke lit a candle in memory of Darlene T. Waller*



Andrea L Wilke - September 10, 2022 at 02:37 PM

AW

“ *It's so hard to say Goodbye to Darlene. She had so much life in her and always smiling. She was a loving cousin, and you could feel her love. She was a natural person and accomplished so much in her short life. I will remember all the family reunions we spent together. She was the hit of the parties for the cousins while our parents were there too. We could talk about anything and laugh together. Darlene you will be missed, and the pain will always be there. Memories and photos will help that I have of you.*

Rest in Heaven Darlene!

Love Andrea, Laura, Susan Wilke and Jeremy and Audrey Dingman

Andrea L Wilke - September 10, 2022 at 02:35 PM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Darlene was always SO kind and helpful at the restaurant. I feel like we were close friends even though I did not know her long. She always made me feel welcome and went above and beyond to take care of me and my boss. You are deeply missed Darlene - may you Rest in the Perfect Peace of our Lord. - Joanne Sintic*

Joanne Sintic - September 08, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene T. Waller.*



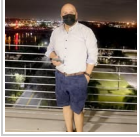
September 06, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene T. Waller.*



September 06, 2022 at 09:12 PM



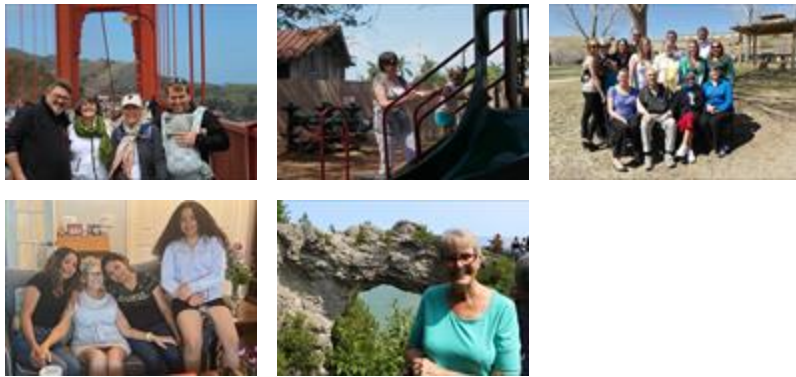
“ *My Beautiful Dar you will never been forgotten, you were the most Lovely person i have ever known. God have now gain a hudge and true Angel and i know you are watching us all! I will keep your James in good shape my love.*

Flight High and fullfill heaven with your love, sympathy and your beautiful and contagious smile! Will always miss you and love you, your loyal friend Esteban Ortiz.

Esteban Ortiz - September 06, 2022 at 09:02 PM



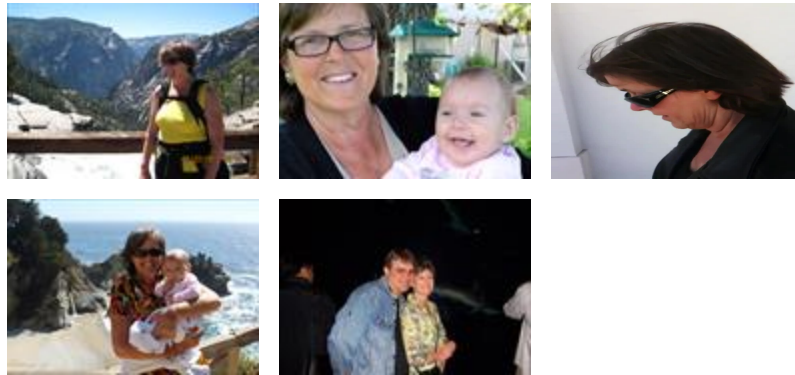
“ *94 files added to the album Darlene*



james waller - September 06, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JW

“ 7 files added to the album Darlene



james waller - September 06, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Darlene



james waller - September 06, 2022 at 09:53 AM

RO

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Waller family on the loss of Darlene, a beautiful and warm person we always looked forward to seeing and speaking with in your wonderful restaurant. May she rest in peace,
Bob & Silvia Olah*

robert olah - September 05, 2022 at 02:16 PM

GR

“ Ginny Reeves purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of Darlene T. Waller.



Ginny Reeves - September 04, 2022 at 01:56 PM

GR

“ As Darlene's older cousin, I can say I have known her all her short life. Darlene Theresa was the best cousin who became more of a sister. Darlene possessed many qualities but the one that stands out is "she was easy to love". The family has lost a true gem. She will not be forgotten. Happy Trails Darlene. You are with our mothers and probably having a great time basking in all the love.
Ginny Reeves

Ginny Reeves - September 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM



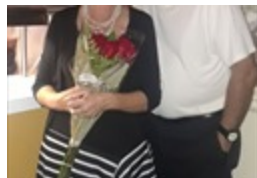
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September 01, 2022 at 08:17 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tony Toema - August 31, 2022 at 01:18 PM

TT

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Waller family. Darlene will be deeply missed, she was loved and appreciated by all her staff and friends! ❤️ James, we are here for you! God bless Genevieve and Tony Toema

Tony Toema - August 31, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene T. Waller.



August 31, 2022 at 11:23 AM

FO

“ From Jesus & Elizabeth(Wilczewski) Ortiz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Darlene T. Waller.



From Jesus & Elizabeth(Wilczewski) Ortiz - August 30, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ John and Carol Walter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene T. Waller.



John and Carol Walter - August 29, 2022 at 04:30 PM

RR

“ Dear James, sending love and prayers to you and your family. Darlene was so lovely each time we saw her at your restaurant. We rented in Naples in the winter and loved to come to dine. May she Rest In Peace. Rita and Jim Ronan

Rita Ronan - August 29, 2022 at 10:28 AM

DA

“ Dear James,
We are devastated by the sad news of Darlene's passing. You have our deepest sympathy. She was a bright light who always greeted us with a warm smile whenever we arrived. It was a special compliment to your matchless cuisine . In deepest sorrow ,
Susie and David Auerbach

David & Susie Auerbach - August 26, 2022 at 06:08 PM

FA

“ James, we will always remember Darlene and her wonderful smile, whether at the restaurant or the gym she was was a gem to be with. We are saddened for your loss. Frank & Letty Accarrino

Frank Accarrino - August 26, 2022 at 04:36 PM

JW

“ James, Nancy and I are so sadden by Darlene's passing. A great lady with a friendly smile and a wonderful personality. Always treated us like family and we are so appreciative of that. You have fond memories and that is what is important. Not so many are as fortunate. I share your pain having lost my wife in 2018. Hang in there. We are thinking of you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Best. Jim White

jim white - August 26, 2022 at 03:26 PM