



Darlene Joy Frederick

December 22, 1941 - April 26, 2026

Darlene Joy Frederick, age 84, was born to eternal life on April 26, 2026, surrounded by her family in the comfort of her home. She was born on December 22, 1941, in Racine, Wisconsin, to Edvan and Dorothy (Sheppard) Aude. Darlene was a graduate of Racine Horlick High School, class of 1960. On July 29, 1961 at the Naval Chapel in Great Lakes, Illinois, Darlene married Lee Frederick, who later was promoted to Master Chief Machinist Mate. Together, they raised six angelic children and built a life rooted in family. Darlene embraced adventure and, beginning in 1963, lived in Ecuador during Lee's naval tour. Over the years, their journey took them to many states across the country before eventually settling back in Wisconsin.

Darlene was an accomplished and creative crafter. She won first prize at the Rock County Fair for her macramé lion and sewed costumes for her children's community theater plays. She also enjoyed bowling in the women's league, gardening, birdwatching, and spending time with her family.

Darlene is survived by her children: Bonnie Groen; Dean (Jenny) Frederick; Pamela (James) Eckert; Lance Frederick; Gregory Frederick; and Valerie Frederick. She was grandmother to nine grandchildren—Kristy, Rebecca, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Joshua, Hannah, Sophia, and Adam—and a great-grandmother to eight great-grandchildren—Ty, Benjamin, Amelia, Hannah, Nevaeh, Emerson, Emma, and Caden. She is also survived by her sister, Christine (Elroy) Larsen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Frederick; her parents; her

brother, Edvan (Eddie) Aude Jr.; her son-in-law, David Groen; and her great-granddaughter, Hattie Vander Ziel.

A small private family service has taken place at West Lawn Memorial Park. Immediately following, she was laid to rest next to her husband.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406