



## Darlene M. Dillon

September 13, 1948 - August 24, 2016

Darlene M. Dillon went to be with her mother on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born September 13, 1948, the oldest daughter of Harold and Gertrude Krogman Michaelis. Darlene attended Hayden High School. After graduation in 1966, she worked briefly for Hallmark Cards before beginning a long career at Santa Fe Railroad in Topeka. She finished her railroad career with the Union Pacific in Omaha, retiring in 2008. Darlene married Steve Dillon, Sr. in 1969. They later divorced.

Darlene was always a fun loving, life of the party person who enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her personality was forever making people happy. Darlene will be greatly missed by her family.

Survivors include Darlene's son, Steve Dillon, Jr. (Kim); her daughter, Staci Mattwaoshshe; grandchildren, Kylie and Tegan Dillon and A.J. and Hunter Mattwaoshshe; her dad, Harold Michaelis; sisters, Diane Ralston (Gene), Pam Denton (Ed); and brother, Dick Michaelis (Karla); and many nieces and nephews. Darlene was preceded in death by her mother, Gertrude Michaelis.

A rosary will be prayed at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 4 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or Hayden Catholic High School, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darlene M. Dillon



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 27, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ Darlene M. Dillon

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ From the Children of Charlie and Verla Krogman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darlene M. Dillon.



From the Children of Charlie and Verla Krogman - August 28, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Dillon.



August 27, 2016 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ *My Condolences to Darlene Dillon's whole family as I worked with her at BNSF/Santa Fe for a long time and also met and worked a short while with her mother, a very dear person, Gertrude Michaelis. My heart goes out to Darlene, and I hope she is now in the arms of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Jean Ann Wilson (BNSF Work Period: March 1971-July 2005)  
Topeka, Kansas Age 77 & not doing too well right now.*

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**Jean Wilson** - August 26, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Dillon.*



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August 25, 2016 at 02:05 PM

PA

“ *Thoughts and prayers Steve, Staci and family. Love you all.*

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**Paula** - August 25, 2016 at 11:25 AM

JW

*I just learned of Darlene's passing. I worked with her for the UPRR in Omaha she was a very nice lady.*

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**James D Wolken** - September 24, 2017 at 01:13 PM

KW

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Darlene's Family. Our thoughts are with all you during this very difficult time.*

*Brad and Kathy Williams  
Friends of Dick and Karla Michaelis*

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**Kathy Williams** - August 25, 2016 at 09:12 AM

TK

“ *Tim and Rhonda Koerselman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darlene M. Dillon.*



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**Tim and Rhonda Koerselman** - August 25, 2016 at 08:39 AM

TW

“ When I was five years old our Aunt Marilyn got married and Darlene.....only 18 at the time.....was a bridesmaid. It is my first real memory of Darlene, standing at the the altar, looking so grown up and pretty, even with a cast on her arm, having just survived a serious car accident. She was always so optimistic and fun to be around and had a great laugh. She was the first grandchild, the leader of the Krogman cousins. Her passing brings to mind all the wonderful holiday and family gatherings we had growing up, all the laughter and card games and picnics in Topeka and Seneca. And even as the years pass and we see one another less frequently, her passing is no less significant and sorrowful, and serves as an important reminder how lucky we all are to be part of a wonderful extended family, and how very lucky we are that Darlene was part of that. Our circle grows smaller, but also closer.  
My heart goes out to Uncle Harold, Diane, Dick, Pam, Stevie and Staci.  
With much love and sympathy,  
Your cousin Tommy  
Cleveland, OH

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**Tom Woodward** - August 25, 2016 at 01:41 AM

MH

“ Darlene was such a dear friend, I truly enjoyed our times together. She blessed my life in so many ways, I will miss her sweet, sweet spirit.

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**Margie Hogan** - August 24, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Dillon.



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August 24, 2016 at 09:30 PM