



## Darlene Meekins

March 17, 1925 - March 17, 2009

Darlene Ruth Meekins 84, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009 in Topeka KS. She was born on March 17, 1925, in Mitchell SD, the daughter of Edward and Ruth (McDonald) Murphy. She married Willis E. "Bill" Meekins, Sr. on January 22, 1946 in Tacoma WA. They enjoyed 49 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on February 26, 1995. Darlene loved being a Navy wife and living in many different places in Washington, Oregon, California, Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Rhode Island and Hawaii while her husband was in the service. They retired to Brooksville FL in 1975. She was an avid bridge player and also enjoyed bowling and golf. She had a wonderful gift of making people laugh and will be truly missed by all. Surviving are five children, Edward (Mary) Meekins of Topeka KS, Barbara Allen of Burlington KS, Thomas (Jane) Meekins of Huron SD, Deborah (Robert) Swank of Peoria IL and Willis (Linda) Meekins, Jr. of Frederick MD, fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; one brother, Donald Murphy and one sister, Marjorie Gere. Visitation will be Saturday, March 21, 2008 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will be accorded after the service and a private burial service will be held at a later date in Bushnell FL. Memorial contributions are suggested to Heart of America Hospice or Alzheimer's Association sent in care of the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Meekins*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Ed, Barb, Tom, Deb, and Bill,  
I was so sorry to hear about your mom. I always enjoyed the time I spent with her. She taught me to make apple butter from the crab apples when I was first married and we all lived in Mitchell. That produced a lot of laughs! I will miss the newsy Christmas letters. She was so proud of all of you and always brought me up to date. Mom joins me in offering our prayers.  
Barbara Opp and Helen Cunningham*

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**Barbara Opp** - March 19, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ *Ed and Mary, we want to express our condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in your your memories and the love and support of your families and friends.*

*Debbie and Steve Foster*

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**Debbie Foster** - March 19, 2009 at 02:39 PM

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“ Dear Ed, Barbara, Tom, Deb, and Bill,

*Please know that you are all in our prayers. Your mother was a wonderful woman for whom I have great affection. I have many pleasant memories of our lives in California filled with her laughter and good nature. My brother, Bill, is also saddened by her death. I'm sure she and my parents and your dad are all in God's grace.*

*Love, Carol*

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**Carol (Meekins) Greenwald** - March 18, 2009 at 10:21 PM