



## Darlene Shirley Nelson Stultz

September 19, 1931 - July 17, 2021

Darlene Shirley Nelson Stultz went to be the Lord July 17th, 2021, at Crestwood, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She was born September 19th, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, to Harry E. and Elsie Liljedahl Nelson. In her teen years, she was active in the early days of Youth for Christ. Billy Graham, A.W. Tozer and Lutheran pastors were influential in her life and faith. She was a graduate of Calumet High, the Lutheran Bible Institute and Wheaton College. Darlene married William P. Stultz October 9, 1954. They served the Lord together during their marriage of 63 years. Their home in Lombard, Illinois, welcomed missionaries, college students, friends, and family. Mom served also as a Sunday School teacher, Bible study leader and on women's committees at Lombard Gospel Chapel. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her final years were spent in Virginia, New Market and then VMRC, where she made many friends and loved her caregivers. She is survived by four children, Becky Kipps (Bruce) of New Market, Va., Ruth Hernandez (Michael) of Aurora, Ill., Dan Stultz (Sharon) of West Chicago, Ill., and Dawn Martin of Sacramento, California.; grandchildren, Anna Kipps Lawrence (Jimmy), Elizabeth Kipps, Andrew Kipps, Melinda Anderson (Ryan), Elisa Hernandez, Ben Stultz, Isaac (Katelyn) Stultz, Sam Martin, Jesse Martin, Joanna Martin and Simon Martin; and six great-grandchildren, her brother H. Donald (Carol) Nelson , nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, a sister, Agnes Gibson and a grandson, Jacob Martin. A burial service will be held Saturday, July 24th,

11:00 a.m. at the St. Luke Cemetery in Woodstock, VA, followed by a Celebration of Life at 1:00 p.m. at the New Market Community Center. Donations in Darlene's memory can be made to the Good Samaritan Fund at VMRC, 1501 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22802 Arrangements are in the care of Dellinger Funeral Homes, Mt. Jackson. Online condolences may be made at [www.dellingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dellingerfuneralhome.com). Cemetery Details St. Luke Cemetery 923 Saint Luke Road Woodstock, VA 22664 Previous Events Service JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)St. Luke Cemetery 923 Saint Luke Road Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sorry to hear about your mother. She was a good friend of my mother Charlotte M. Kibler who lived two doors down from your mom. My mother passed away in December 2020 at VMRC. Miss Darlene always spoke to us as we came to Crestwood to visit my mother. Even on the last day of moving my mom's things out of Crestwood, Darlene stopped by to chat. Heaven has received another angel..

Linda Steagall - July 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Darlene was a gracious hostess and such an example of a godly woman. She was quick with a smile and an encouraging word. I'm sure my mom was there to greet her when she stepped on shore.  
Marilyn Phillips Lobough

Marilyn Lobough - July 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a wonderful, gracious and godly woman, one who has left a legacy of blessing for all who have known and loved her. May we all seek to be like her, as she sought to be like her Lord.

Harvey and Alma Jean Yoder - July 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Darlene Shirley Nelson Stultz.

Vivid Recollections - July 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Bruce and I are so sorry to hear this. We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. And our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. 🙏🙏

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**Bruce and Donna Whetzel** - July 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ As one college student she welcomed into her home when I came home with Becky over a spring break many years ago, I feel grateful to have had a little time to know her. My heartfelt sympathies to all her family and also joy that she is 'home' dancing with Jesus, her Savior--no more tears, pain or sorrow--what a time of rejoicing she is having. Terry Minnick

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**Teresa Minnick** - July 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene Shirley Nelson Stultz.

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**Arrive in Style** - July 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Shirley Nelson Stultz.

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**Full Of Love Bouquet** - July 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I never knew Darlene well, but I was impacted by her strong faith, and her intimate relationship with the Lord. I particularly remember at a time of worship together, that she shared that when she was moved in song or prayer, that she would close her eyes so that she would feel free to express herself to the Lord in whatever way she desired (such as raising her hands in praise) without concern about what anyone around her might think (she couldn't see them!) She also shared that opening up her hands/arms to the Lord allowed her to draw closer to the Lord in a physical way. Such a little thing, but it has instructed my own times of worship throughout the years!

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**Susan Whitteberry Freesen** - July 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM