



Darlene Cox-Acolatse

June 9, 1969 - April 8, 2026

Darlene Cox-Acolatse, Dar, Buela, Momma Bear, of Watseka IL passed away April 8th, 2026 in Kankakee, IL. Born June 9th, 1969 in Winfield, IL, daughter of Cleveland Cox and Mary Ellen (Arseneau) Cox who preceded her in death. Her brothers preceded her in death, Joseph Cox (Barbara Cox), Donald Cox, and Daniel Cox. Darlene is survived by her husband, Clarence Acolatse, who she married on May 28th, 2004 in Lombard IL. She is survived by her children, Jessica Rogers (Justin Rogers) of Watseka, Daniel Acolatse (Nataché Garcia) of Milford, Brianna Acolatse, and Devin Acolatse of Watseka. Darlene loved spending time and spoiling her grandchildren Emily Rogers, Logan Rogers, Liev Rogers, and Eleanor Rogers. She is survived by her niece Brittany Cox and her nephew Brendon Cox, children of Donald Cox. Survived by her sister Gina Messina (Tony Messina) of Minooka, IL and their children Skylar and Sarah Messina. Sister in laws Ophelia Acolatse, Ceola Acolatse, Bernice Acolatse, brother in law Gershon Acolatse, and 11 nieces and nephews.

Darlene served others with special needs throughout her life. Darlene devoted her life to Christ reading the Bible and praying with her children and grandchildren. She didn't just read the Word; she lived it. Her prayers were a constant covering for her family, and the legacy of her faith is written in the hearts of her children and grandchildren. She never met a stranger, only friends she hadn't talked to yet. Whether in a crowded room or a quiet

conversation, she had a way of making you feel like the most important person in the world. Darlene was present for her family and friends in every way possible no matter her situation.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at St. Mary's Catholic Church Beaverville, IL (308 St. Charles St, Beaverville, IL 60912) Saturday, April 18th at Noon. followed by celebration of life at 514 S 5th St, Watseka, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
308 St. Charles St.
Beaverville, IL 60912

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't get to meet Darlene, but I did meet two of her children and she did a wonderful job raising them! They are kind and caring! She will live on in her children! I am praying for her family to find peace and to continue her legacy! Thinking of you all! Danny and Jess I am sending you virtual hugs!

Deena Kisse - April 16 at 05:18 PM

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“ So many memories dear to my heart.. you singing Landslide to me & Jess.. taking us to work with you.. watching Mob Wives with you.. French vanilla coffee creamer.. you waking us up at the crack of dawn with your classic country playing.. I can go on & on. You were our everything as we all were yours. I will forever hold you in my heart. I love you Aunt Dar

Brittany Cox - April 13 at 12:13 PM