



## Darlene Afra Georgatos

May 6, 1944 - July 1, 2024

Darlene Afra Georgatos, 80, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma was born May 6, 1944 to Rudolph C. Shriner and Ailene Mardell Merchen in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and peacefully passed away Monday, July 1, 2024 in Muskogee, Oklahoma with her loving family by her side.

After living in Idaho, the first few years of her life, she moved to Winner, South Dakota and eventually made her home in Coalinga, California where she lived for over 50 years. Darlene was the District Director of Enrollment for West Hills Community College where she worked for over 30 years before retiring in 2007. She loved to travel, watch True Crime Shows and Fox News. She enjoyed cooking, especially for her family, and hosting Thanksgiving and Christmas get togethers. Darlene was a huge animal lover and advocate who supported many animal rescue centers. She especially loved her pit bull, Bailey. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph and Aileen (Merchen) Shriner, her husband, Robert Ray Georgatos, and her ex-husband and good friend, Russell Paul Wingerd.

Those left to cherish Darlene's memory are her daughter, Marilyn (Wingerd) Smith and husband Rob of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; granddaughter, Kayleigh Haddan, her husband Justin, of Texas; grandson, Zachary Smith of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; great grandson, Jameson Haddan of Texas; her step-son, Robert W. Georgatos, and wife Mitzie of Andrews, Texas; step-grandson, Nathan Strong, his wife Amber and step great-granddaughter Alexa of

Bakersfield, California; step-granddaughter, Erica Bensusen, her husband Anthony, step great-grandsons, Cayden, Codey and Corey of Bakersfield, California; her brother, Rudolph "Butch" Shriner, his wife Raejean of Boise, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

The family of Darlene Afra Georgatos has entrusted her care and cremation to Clifford D. Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson.

Online condolences may be left for the Georgatos family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“*Darlene worked for the West Hills Community College District for over 30 years (began in 1978 and retired in 2009). She will most certainly be missed by her West Hills colleagues and friends. On behalf of all of us in the West Hills CCD, we offer condolences to her family.*

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**Kristin Clark** - July 12, 2024 at 12:44 PM

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“*Darlene was a fun person to work with. I always enjoyed her robust laugh and her wonderful sense of humor. She always had an opinion and was eager to share it with you, even if you didn't want to know. She loved Bob and her Corvette. I liked to tease her about her age and the mobility required to get into that Vet. She frequently told me I needed to step it up and shape up a few things around the college. She made West Hills a great place to work. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Frank Gornick** - July 03, 2024 at 10:59 PM

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“*She was such a joy to work with. Such a wonderful lady and will be sorely missed.*

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**Ken Stoppenbrink** - July 03, 2024 at 07:52 PM