



Darlene Beverly Hobek

June 27, 1940 - April 14, 2021

Darlene “Dorklene, aka Dork” Hobek went home to the Lord on Wednesday April 14, 2021. On that day, she was also reunited with her beloved and much missed husband, Bill “Pork” Hobek. Born in Patterson, New Jersey on June 27, 1940, Darlene was a devoted Roman Catholic. She was a much loved daughter of Herman and Florence Ramph.

In 6th grade, Darlene moved with her family to Tokyo, Japan, where she lived, until graduating from high school. Her high school years were spent at Narimasu High, where she had so many wonderful times with her high school classes, which she often fondly recalled in stories to her friends and family. For the last 30 years, she has always looked forward to and enjoyed the annual reunions of her high school classmates, in a different city across the US, every year.

Upon graduation from high school, Darlene embarked on a brief modeling career in Japan, which she absolutely loved. Shortly thereafter, she moved back to the United States and discovered the modeling industry not to be as friendly or fun, as it was for her in Japan. She entered the Miss Patterson beauty contest and was 1st runner up, which pleased Miss Flo, immensely. Dorklene was soon heading on to bigger things in a much bigger world.

At 21, she became an Eastern Airlines reservation agent. She loved going to work every day, as she was tasked with planning by hand (back then) customer’s vacations and business trips. She absolutely loved her job. On

a lunch break one day, one of her reservation friends suggested that she and Mom head over to one of the meeting rooms where they were interviewing future Stewardesses that day. And thus began Mom's illustrious career in the skies for Eastern Airlines. It was a job that brought her much joy, travel opportunities all over the world and within a few years, the love of her life, Bill "Porky" Hobek. They were happily married for 45 years. They had 4 children....Bill Jr, Lesli, Mike and Shawn. Pork and Dork also had 3 grandsons, Jake, Will and Ben, whom they absolutely adored. One of Pork and Dork's favorite vacation spots was Las Vegas, which they frequented a few times, every year.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 20 from 6-8pm at the Digusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, Florida. (across from Lil 500)

Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, April 21 at 10am at Church of Annunciation Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Reception

APR 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
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Public Visitation for Family and Friends

APR 20. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

APR 20. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Jake lit a candle in memory of Darlene Beverly Hobek*



Jake - January 14, 2022 at 04:03 PM

LE

“ *Lesli lit a candle in memory of Darlene Beverly Hobek*



Lesli - April 25, 2021 at 10:25 PM

NR

“ *I will always remember the laughs we had playing poker in the club house. I will miss you. Now you can torment Sam with "Pass the Trash"*

Norma Ruggieri - April 20, 2021 at 01:58 PM

GC

“ *Darlene will truly be missed by all that knew her. She was a shining light, her smile was contagious. When she spoke of friends from high school, their closeness and annual trips, you felt like you knew them too. The same with her family...how she glowed when talking about Porkie, kids and definitely grandchildren. RIP...my friend. You have now made Heaven a better place. Condolences to the family.*

Geri Cole - April 20, 2021 at 08:38 AM

BW

“ Dear Hobek family. I don't know where to begin and what to say. Words cannot convey to you our love and care. We are so very saddened by the loss of your Mom. Tim and I enjoyed your Mom so very much. And in the short time we have been family, we came to look forward to our shared family functions. We don't have to tell you, Darlene was such a special, gracious and fun person. We will miss her dearly at our Cape Cod Christmas! And the special shared time's. Til we meet again...oh, what a party that will be. Darlene- Say hi to "Eddie" for me. Xo



Beth Hardy Wade - April 19, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 07:47 PM

LS

“ Sweet Darlene, you we will be so missed by many people. Your smile and happy-go-lucky personality made everyone feel so welcomed and loved. I always felt right at home with you around. It makes me chuckle reading the memories posted and everyone’s nicknames. I was lucky enough to be called Smiley by you. I’m so thankful for our last Facetime call just a few weeks ago. It was by accident that I saw you, but now I’ll consider that a Godsend. And as usual, you were so happy. May you Rest In Peace. Love you!!

Lori Saunders - April 19, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 04:28 PM



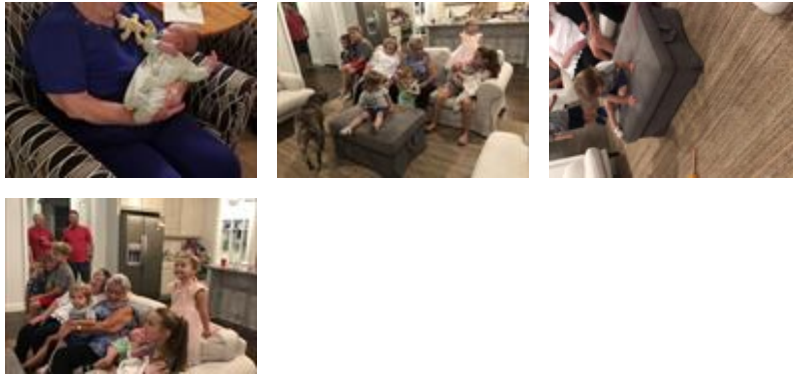
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 04:07 PM

RO

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Robin - April 19, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 19, 2021 at 11:23 AM

MH

“ Mom

As I sit here writing this I have a flood of mixed emotions. Sadness knowing I will never here you call me Coyous again ...I always knew I was in trouble when you called me Mike. :) I was so blessed as where all four of us were to have such loving, caring, funny, parents fill our lives for all the years we were blessed to have both of you. I know you are back with Dad which TRUELY fills my heart with so much happiness and love that when I think of the two of you reunited it's hard for me to be sad. You guys had a love story throughout life that you only saw in the old movies back in 50's.

You always had such a positive attitude no matter what the situation. Your smile was truly infectious as has been stated by everyone who knew you!!! You are without a doubt one of those people who God put on this earth for your 80 years that made this world a better place!!! You always had my back no matter what the circumstance. All the times I would be in trouble with Dad you would always come to my side (which as we both know was alot of times :)) You never waivered in your belief in me even when I doubted my own ability.

I will miss you moving forward as I have missed Dad but knowing you both would want us four to live our lives with nothing but happy thoughts when we think of you both is what I will strive to do. I do not know who the person was who said time heals all wounds....but they were so very wrong,,,,,until God calls me home and I am reunited with you both.....this is a wound that does not heal!!!

Thank you for being the GREATEST MOTHER a son could ever ask for. You rest in peace with DAD and GRAM. I know all of you will be looking out for us down here until the Hobek Clan is reunited. You now know exactly when that will be. Until then MUMMY please don't worry about us down here....we will figure things out just like you and Dad taught us to.....AS A FAMILY!!! I LOVE YOU MOM

LOVE

COYOUS XXXOOO

Michael P Hobek - April 19, 2021 at 08:12 AM

DG

“ To Hobek family: Words cannot express how sad i am to lose my dear friend Darlene! We have shared so many wonderful memories over the years! The first time i met Darlene 30 plus years ago we became instant friends. Not only sharing the same first name which we always laughed about To our shopping trips, all the great parties at Bill and Darlene’s We have laughed and cried over the years! She was the sweetest and kindest lady who had a smile that lit up a room! She never knew a stranger. Anyone who knew her loved her. She loved her children more than anything and was do proud of each one of them! We always talked so much about our children and grandchildren and how blessed we were! Life will not be the same with out her! R. I. P. My beautiful friend. You will always hold a very special place in my heart!
Love and hugs to her wonderful children! You are in my prayers !

Darlene Giammarinaro - April 18, 2021 at 08:30 PM

GM

“ There are so many special memories of Dar-san but what comes to mind as outstanding were her beautiful smile and the joy she brought when she walked into a room. You were so glad to know that she was your friend. God has welcomed a special angel and we have a bright new star to wish on. It was a gift to have known her. I know that you feel blessed to have had her as your Mother and Grandmother. May God Bless You and watch over you as you deal with this overwhelming loss.



Geri Martorano - April 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

GH

“ I experienced great sadness when I heard the news of Darlene's passing. Darlene and Bill enjoyed a special place in Joyce's and my heart. Joyce and I were in the Orlando area over Easter several years ago. I made contact with Darlene several days before Easter, just to say "Hi". She and Bill would not have it any other way but to have Joyce and I over for Easter dinner. I felt strongly that this was a time for family, and family only. Bill and Darlene would have none of that. We were received with open arms as part of the family. This was in Apopka in their beautiful home, and it is forever etched in my memory. I have since met the rest of the family, and fell in love with Leslie. All of their kids are super in every way and we feel blessed to have met them. We are so sorry for Your loss.

Glen and Joyce Hebert

(Please excuse the rambling, but I wrote it as it came to memory)

Glen and Joyce Hebert - April 18, 2021 at 01:01 PM

SH

Mr. Hebert, I remember that Easter and we were delighted to have you join us. Thank you for the kind words and I hope you are all well.

Shawn

Shawn Hobek - April 21, 2021 at 07:58 PM

LE

Thank You Mr Hebert, for your beautiful message. I adored meeting you and your wife as well, in Orlando. How I wish it were 2014 again. My Mom just loved you both.

Lesli - April 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

SH

“ Please accept our most sincere condolences for your loss. Darlene was such a sparkle at our Narimasu reunions. She lived and loved life in a way that was very inspiring. We ere blessed to have known her.

Warmly,
Don & Sheila Hansen

Sheila Hansen - April 18, 2021 at 03:49 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.



April 17, 2021 at 10:40 PM

LH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lesli Hobek - April 17, 2021 at 08:53 PM

MC

“ *To the Hobek Family: I have so many beautiful memories of this kind, generous, wonderful friend. I will truly miss her. She had such love of her family and friends. No matter where she went she made a friend. Happiness was her middle name. We always laughed because we were much older grandmothers but she agreed the wait was worth it. I met Darlene in 1987 at Dotty Power's exercise class. You were drawn to her sense of humor and the twinkle in her gorgeous blue eyes.*

Our shopping trips were epic and we chatted about those at Serenades. She had lots of stories and I was mesmerized by her adventures whether being a flight attendant or her time in Japan. She had friends all over the country and I was fortunate enough to meet some of them.

So my friend rest in peace, you have left me with so many great memories.

To the Hobek children, your mother and dad left you with a legacy of love, humor, good religious background and a love of life. The memories you have are priceless embrace them.

Love and hugs Mary Lee

Mary Lee Cassetta - April 17, 2021 at 06:15 PM

DG

*To the Hobek Family: Words can't express how much I will miss your beautiful mother. All the wonderful memories i have of all our shopping trips, the wonderful parties at the Hobek house . Your mother was such a blessing in my life. The minute i met your mother when i first moved here over 30 years ago we became instant friends. The fact that we shared the same first name always made things interesting, we laughed a lot about that. I don't think your mother ever met a stranger. Her smile lit up the room . She was one of my kindest and sweetest friends! She loved her family more than anything and was so Very proud of each one of you!! I will forever be grateful for our friendship. She will always hold a very special place in my heart! Keeping you all in my prayers. Sending love and hugs!!!!
Darlene G.*

Darlene G. - April 18, 2021 at 01:42 PM

LH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Lesli Hobek - April 17, 2021 at 04:54 PM

LH

“ *Lesli Hobek lit a candle in memory of Darlene Beverly Hobek*



Lesli Hobek - April 17, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LH

Miss You Mum!!! XOXO

Lesli Hobek - April 17, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Darlene Beverly Hobek.* ”



April 17, 2021 at 11:11 AM

“ Mom, (Dorkus McFadden)

This is a day that I have dreaded, since I was young. The thought of both you and Dad no longer being in my life was always so overwhelming, that it would bring me instantly, to tears. My heart is so sad and broken, today, while I know that your heart is full, being with Dad, again. I know how happy you are to be holding hands and laughing with your beloved husband, again. I am sure that Gram is also right there beaming, and welcoming her beloved daughter, home. I cry thinking of you all, finally back together, where you belong and where I long to be, one day. It has been a long 8 years for you, soldiering on without the love of your life or your best friend (Flo) in your life. As much as life will never be the same for me without you, Mom, you deserve this overflowing sense of peace, joy and happiness that now surrounds you. You have always given to everyone else and it is time that you receive.

We used to talk a lot about seeing Dad again, as we would laugh and cry, looking at his pictures and reminiscing about him, laughing at all the funny stories about and with him, over the years. It comforts me to know that Pork and Dork are together again. Tears are falling, as I cannot imagine my life without you....my life long best friend, always nearby to talk through things. So many times I would confide in you and you knew just what to say to get me through my issues. I hope that you are not missing me, as much as I miss you.

You were the backbone of our family, with your sparkling personality, your never ending smile and your undying love for every single one of us. Your love for every one of your children was always so powerful and never in doubt, even as life brought changes. You loved us unconditionally and without reservation. If only every child in this world could have a Mother like you....Devoted, Loving, Hilarious, Giving, Generous, Kind, Beautiful

Life will not be the same without you and Dad, the glue of our family

unit. I cannot imagine not being able to call you or hear your voice, everyday. There will forever, be a large piece of my heart missing, until I see you and Dad, again. I will always love and protect your greatest joy, your grandchildren. Mom, you were so patient and waited so long to be called Grandma. You loved and soaked up every minute with your grandchildren.

Your calm leadership and shining example as a lady and Mother will be hard to top, but it is my beacon to follow, during the trying times.

You and Dad enjoy all the watering holes up there. :-)

I love you forever, Mom. I miss you so much, already. Please tell Dad how much I miss and love him, too. Rest In Peace, Mom.

Hope to see you and Dad, again, soon.

*Love,
Weze*

Lesli Hobek - April 17, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DM

Ahh Lesli you said everything a mother hopes to hear. It's so true your Mom lit up at the mention of each of you. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and hilarious personality. What a sense of humor. We have another precious angel looking out for us. Love and prayers to the Hobek family.

Diana Moon - April 17, 2021 at 11:43 AM

GM

Whenever I think of Dar-san I think of the beautiful smile and the personality that brightened every room she entered. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you deal with this overwhelming loss. Darlene was a joy and heaven has welcomed a special angel. God Bless You.

Geri Bogle Martorano - April 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM

TM

It was her smile that I'll always remember. What a family, a model for us all.

Tim Moon - April 19, 2021 at 11:49 PM