



# Darlene Cecile Duncan

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Our beloved mother, Darlene Cecile Duncan, passed away on December 11th, 2025, in Ashland City, TN, surrounded by her loving family. She leaves behind her daughter Dana Garrett and son-in-law Cleveland Garrett, her sons Steven Duncan and Brian Duncan, and her daughters-in-law Tawonga Duncan and Sandy Duncan, grandchildren, Peyton Biggs, Kaylee Biggs, Jackson Garrett, Jase Garrett, Natalie Duncan, Zoe Duncan, Kyle Duncan, Zariah Duncan, Orion Duncan, Bryton Duncan, and Brielle Duncan, great grandchild, Lilah June Biggs, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, Raymond Cannon, II. and Hazel Cannon Miles, brother, Raymond David Cannon, III. We already feel the space her voice used to fill. Born on January 11th, 1956, in Nashville, TN, Darlene grew up with a natural sense of adventure and optimism. Those traits stayed with her for life and shaped the way she loved, taught, and cheered for everyone around her.

She was resilient, kind, generous, honest, and forever optimistic, qualities we saw in every choice she made. Her one-sentence summary said it best: an outgoing, loving, and adventurous mother who looked at life with resilience and optimism.

Darlene cheered loudest for the UT Vols and the Tennessee Titans, tracking every play with the same focus she gave to her family. Music was her heartbeat; a lifelong Beatles fan, she kept singing their songs, especially anything by Sir Paul McCartney, right up to her final days.

She and her lifelong best friend, Sharon, never missed a chance to catch a Beatles concert or plan a getaway together. Panama City Beach or the Smoky Mountains around Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge were some of her favorite getaways with family and friends. Open-minded and loving toward every new person and experience, she still spoke her mind when she had something to say.

The kitchen was Darlene's favorite gathering spot, and her recipes drew all of us



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home. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas the house was filled with the smell of her cooking, strings of popcorn and cranberries, and the promise of seconds. She made Halloween magic too, turning the house into the neighborhood's highlight. She never missed a birthday, card, graduation, sports game, school play, or award ceremony, always in the front row cheering.

When she stepped outside, you would find her tending flower beds that bloomed under her green thumb or sharing quiet moments with squirrels and songbirds. Her kitty, Callie, was never far from her, the perfect companion for long afternoons.

We say goodbye for now, grateful for every song she sang, every meal she cooked, and every honest word she shared. We will carry her optimism forward and keep a seat ready at the holiday table, just the way she liked it.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216, 615-865-1101, <https://www.springhillfh.com>.






# Events

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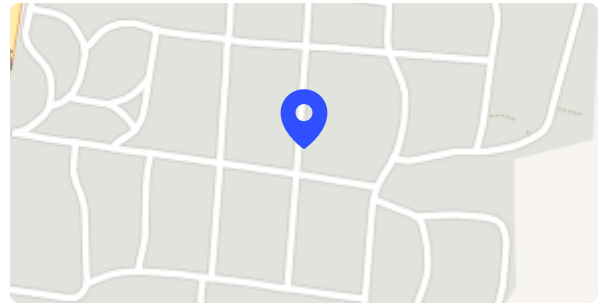
## Visitation

-  **Friday**, December 19, 2025
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



## Celebration of Life

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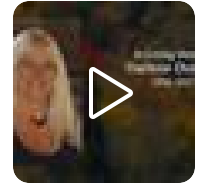
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**Spring Hill Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Video**.



December 19 at 2:54 PM



**Deborah Carney** sent a virtual gift in honor of Darlene.

Darlene was my best friend in 5,6,7th grade. Last few years I've tried to find her She passed on my birthday Danna, I left my phone number with Spring Hill. I would love to talk to you God bless Deborah Sloan Carney



January 6 at 4:36 PM



**Emilee Dennis** lit a candle in honor of Darlene.

Absolutely loved her when she would love the Beatles she was the best absolute loved her attitude and holding my hand and walking with her was always so fun. Ma Darlene your family was amazing and loved taking care of you



December 24 at 1:40 PM



**Love Aunt Joy & Mike** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Duncan family.



December 18 at 4:26 PM



**Maestas Maestas** posted:

I worked with Darlene for many years. She imparted lots of wisdom during that time. I remember we decided we were going to carpool. Around the first or second time we were preparing to leave it was the day the tornado hit Nashville (the courthouse and CJC). We rushed to the car and tried to get out of the city. We get to about Trinity lane and it was flooded so bad we couldn't see. I decided we should go back and seek shelter and she wanted to keep going. So we look like a couple of idiots bickering in the middle of the tornado stuck in the car. In the end she made me drop her off at the closest gas station and called her family. I went back to the CJC and waited it out. We had a good laugh about it later. She always told me enjoy being young because one day you will miss it. You never realize the wisdom of people until they are gone. God bless your family. Condolences on your loss.

December 17 at 11:33 AM



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**Cheatham County Election Commission** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Duncan family.

December 16 at 4:01 PM



**Cheatham County Election Commission** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Darlene.

December 16 at 4:01 PM



**Latisha** shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 14 at 11:31 AM



**Dana Garrett** December 15 at 1:14 PM

This is awesome!! Thank you for this.



**Latisha** posted:

My favorite memory of her is when we used to play twist and shout by the Beatles and she used to shake her hips .

December 14 at 11:27 AM



**Sherra Baxter** lit a candle in honor of Darlene.

Many good times working in Booking together. Riding to work together and sharing life's experiences, laughing and jokes. Such a kind optimistic soul. Queen B.

December 14 at 12:30 AM





## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Darlene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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