

Darlene Anne Sylvestre

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**In Loving Memory of Darlene Sylvestre,
formerly known as Darlene Itcush (née
Babcock) June 10, 1954 - August 3, 2025**



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Darlene Sylvestre, age 71, on August 3, 2025 ,in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Darlene lived a life full of warmth, generosity, and spirited adventure. In her teens, Darlene enjoyed playing softball and badminton.

She dedicated her working years to caring for others—first as a manager of housekeeping in a hotel, then as a school custodian, and most meaningfully, as a loving foster parent who opened her heart and home to children in need. Her compassion extended beyond her family and work. Darlene volunteered at a local church in Regina, helping with clothing donations and always lending a hand where it was needed.

She embraced life with enthusiasm—gardening, garage sale hunting, motorcycling, and caring for her beloved dogs. She found joy in the simple pleasures: camping at the lake,

tanning in the sun, browsing yard sales, playing pool at the local parlor, and boy did she love her coffee, mints and chocolate!

In her later years, she found comfort in puzzles, games, bingo, and relaxing on the patio, soaking in nature's beauty. Her love for her grandkids, great-grandkid, and fur & feathered grandkids was boundless, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Darlene faced cancer with remarkable courage, beginning in her twenties—a battle that returned time and again, met each time with unwavering strength and grace. Though she was cancer-free at the time of her passing, the complications from years of treatment ultimately led to her death. Her strength and grace through decades of health challenges were a testament to her indomitable spirit.

She was known for her sharp, honest humor—always delivered with impeccable timing. Her humor was her armor, her gift, and one of the many ways she made life brighter for those around her.

Darlene was preceded in death by her infant son, born sleeping, and her beloved parents Norma and Eldon Babcock.

She leaves behind a loving family:

- Her daughters Sherry Wray (Ed Wray) and Danielle Henderson (Charles Henderson)
- Grandchildren: Lane (Maddie), Jessica (Tennessee), Marcus, Bruce, Connor, Kamilia, and Jameson
- Great-granddaughter Violet
- Siblings: Dan Babcock (Joanie), Dave Babcock (Darlene), Donna Babcock, Dayle Goertzen, and Darrell Babcock (Sandi)
- Many cherished nieces and nephews

Darlene also held a special place in her heart for the foster children she cared for over the years. She missed them deeply and thought of them often, carrying their memories with her always.

Her quiet nature was part of the grace that endeared her to all who knew her, and her love and laughter left a lasting mark on every life she touched.

Her spirit lives on in every laugh shared, every puzzle solved, and every sunny day spent on the patio. We'll meet you at the lake someday, Darlene—where the sun is warm, the coffee is strong, and love never fades.

The family plans to hold a celebration of life and will update this page with details once we've thoughtfully arranged something that honors her spirit. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption - Canada or the Canadian Foster Family Association (CFFA) in Darlene's memory.

Messages of Condolence

How lucky I was to be your daughter. You gave so much to this world—your time, your heart, your laughter—and somehow always had more to give. You taught me what strength looks like, not just in the battles you fought, but in the way you loved fiercely, lived fully, and cared deeply for everyone around you. I miss your voice, your sass, your coffee, mints, and chocolate obsession, and the way you could make me laugh even on the hardest days. You were my safe place, my biggest supporter, and the one person who truly understood me. Life without you feels quieter, but your spirit is everywhere—in the sunshine on the patio, in the smell of fresh coffee, in the quiet moments when the world slows down. Thank you for being my mom, my teacher, my friend. I'll carry your love with me always, and I'll keep your memory alive in every story I tell, every hug I give, and every gentle gesture that reminds me of your grace. I love you forever. Until we meet again at the lake. Love your from your daughter, Sherry

— **Sherry**



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