



## Darlene Francis Gills

May 13, 1966 - September 16, 2013

Darlene Francis Gills, age 47 of North Tazewell, VA went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 16, 2013 while a patient at Princeton Community Hospital in Princeton, WV; she was surrounded by her loved ones as she passed from life temporal to life eternal. She was born May 13, 1966 at Cleveland, OH and was a daughter of the late Dennis William and Charlene Kommersmith Gills. Darlene was a 1984 Graduate of Tazewell High School and was a certified LPN having worked for Bland County Nursing and Rehab. She had been previously employed at Princeton Community Hospital for over twenty years and had worked at other health care facilities. Darlene was a loving and caring person who always placed the care of others above her own personal needs. She loved her profession and considered it more than just a job; she touched the lives of many people in her forty-seven years: patients and their families, co-workers, students, and the people she met in her everyday life and she was always good for a laugh. She was very proud to be co-chairperson of the Relay for Life / American Cancer Society. She was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a baby brother, Daniel Paul Gills.

Those left to cherish her memories include her only son, Aaron Michael Gills of the home; sister, Denise Russell and husband, James of Albemarle, NC; brother, Charles Gills of Roanoke, VA; step-mother, Connie Gills of Vale, NC;

treasured nephews and nieces, Charlie Chinault and wife, Nikki, Charles Gills, Justin Gills, Michael Gills, Morgan Hester, and Calli Russell; other numerous aunts, uncles, step-brothers, step-sisters, cousins, in addition to other family members and countless friends also survive.

A Memorial Mass for Darlene Francis Gills will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Tazewell, VA with Father Burt Fare officiating. The family will receive friends at the Church following the Memorial Mass Service.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. Those wishing to attend the graveside service and travel in procession are asked to meet at the Hurst – Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA by 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2013. All are welcome to attend the services for Ms. Darlene Gills.

In addition to floral expressions, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society / South Atlantic Division, Inc. Attention Memorial Gifts: 4240 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Hurst – Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Ms. Gills and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy  
Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa's Catholic Church  
Tazewell, VA 24651

## Graveside Service

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens  
38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy  
Bluefield, VA 24605

# Tribute Wall



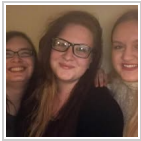
“ *Darlene Francis Gills*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Darlene Francis Gills*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I love you crazy, beautiful lady <3 Wearing pretty colors to see you today, I thought you'd appreciate some color! You know we'll all miss you unimaginably. But I'll see you again someday (; Let's promise to have a big huge party up in Heaven when that day comes!*

*Heidi Rowan*

Heidi Rowan - September 24, 2013 at 12:09 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Aaron, and all of Darlene's family. I had the pleasure of working with Darlene for many years at PCH, and her wit, and humor added many laughs to those long night shifts. She was indeed a very skilled, caring and compassionate nurse, as I witnessed first hand when she cared for my Dad during his last days. May your memories bring you comfort and peace in the coming days.*

*Rita Woods*

Rita Woods - September 23, 2013 at 10:03 AM

TD

“Dar and I became friends when we worked 11-7 shift together 2West, PCH. Not only was she one of the most knowledgeable nurses I have known, but also one of the most caring and considerate. It did not matter how tired or sleep-deprived she was, her patients always received the best of care. Dar could laugh or find humor even in the most stressful of circumstances. She was a self-less person, always thinking of others and how she could make their lives better. I never remember her shirking a task or failing or even hesitating to help her coworkers. I have so many fond memories of her; one in particular stands out in my mind. One of the Christmas nights we worked together, we had an elderly lady as a patient. We were trying to cheer her up for the season. She told us that she had no family and had had no visitors for Christmas. Dar went around the hospital and gathered "gifts" from people, things they may have had in their purses or lockers, etc., whatever they wanted to donate. She gathered quite a collection and she carefully placed them in a gift bag. We spent quite a bit of time with the little lady, styling her hair, singing Christmas carols and watching as she opened her gifts of lotions, candy, etc. Dar was a precious, caring person.

As a friend, she was one of my closest and dearest- a true confident. We shared so many laughs and each of us being the mother of one child, we would share the joys and cares of raising our "babies."

Aaron, you were the center of her life. She was so proud of you. I am grieving with you; you are in my prayers. I pray that you will go on and live a life to carry on Dar's legacy- a genuine, caring person who strives to make the lives better for those around her. Dar loved God and we talked often of His goodness and mercy. I know that He will give you strength and comfort.

Tammie Dove

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Tammie Dove - September 23, 2013 at 04:12 AM

ST

“ *Darlene was a great person, always caring and willing to help anyone. You my friend will never be forgotten and will always be missed and in our hearts.*  
*Stacey Lewis*

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**Stacey** - September 21, 2013 at 02:11 PM

JL

“ *To a wonderful friend and nurse. You will be missed here on Earth but forever remembered in Heaven. To the Gills family you are in my prayers.*



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**Jeffery Thompson LPN** - September 21, 2013 at 12:41 PM

GK

“ *You touched so many lives including my own. Rest I peace sweet angel.*

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**Goldie Kiser** - September 21, 2013 at 12:39 PM

DG

“ I could not believe it when I heard the news that you were gone, but surely not forgotten! The first funny memory that comes to mind is you climbing on a desk @ the hospital & looking over the partitions @ the nurses & Dr.'s around the cubicles that were set up in the middle of the nurses station @ Healthsouth & I was laughing so hard cause everybody there knew how funny you were & was not too surprised when you did this! You always was there to help when anyone would ask cause thats what kind of nurse you were! I am very proud to have known you as I know heaven just got a very good angel so you can look over your family & friends as you always have! RIP Darlene as I know you have left your legacy to your bright, compassionate son who looks so much like you that you will live on through him, my friend ! Sending my sympathy to your family! God Bless them! My mom was deeply saddened to hear the news also!  
(Emma Serechen) She also worked with you & thought the world of you to!

*Debra Gagnon*

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**Debra Gagnon** - September 21, 2013 at 11:59 AM

  
Charlene  
Sexton

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of such a wonderful, kind hearted person, mother ,daughter and friend. I worked with Darlene and always looked forward to working with her and enjoying her bubbly personality, and lovely smile. She always lite up a room when she walked in. Heaven has truly received an angel.

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**Charlene Sexton** - September 21, 2013 at 11:57 AM

LH

“ Dearest Dar,  
*In your brief time here on earth, you touched numerous hearts, and left wonderful memories for us all to keep forever of the beautiful soul you had! Your smile is forever etched in my mind, and I still hear that laugh that was just so naturally you! Your unique personality lives on in the son you raised, for Aaron is so like you! Rest now, my friend. My heartfelt sympathy to your family. God bless.*

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**Linda Howard** - September 21, 2013 at 10:46 AM

DR

“ *My sister and best friend you will dearly be missed. I have such wonderful memories of us as kids, teens and adults. I will never forget watching horror movies and the first haircut you gave me. Remembering how you could always make us laugh. I could go on and on sis. Give mom, dad and Daniel hugs. Say hello to our grandparents and Larry for me. I love you*

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**Denise Russell** - September 21, 2013 at 10:23 AM

DR

“ *MShare a memory of Darlene Francis Gills, or send a condolence to the family...*

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**Denise Russell** - September 21, 2013 at 10:16 AM

AG

“ *Love and miss u Aunt Dar!!*

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**Angela Graff** - September 21, 2013 at 12:08 AM

TB

“ *Dar was a wonderful person, friend and nurse she always had time for you. I only knew her for a few short months but I was blessed in that short time. Tina Beavers*

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**Tina Beavers** - September 20, 2013 at 11:02 PM

 Robin Pritchett

“ *So sorry for your loss . She will be greatly missed. Darlene was always a ray of sunshine on night shift or any time of day. Always a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed by many.*

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**Robin Pritchett** - September 20, 2013 at 02:15 PM

CW

“ *Aaron....so sorry. Your mom was a wonderful person and a great nurse. She always took such excellent care of her patients. I am praying for God to comfort you and give you strength as you go through this. ((Hugs))*

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**Chrissy Webb** - September 20, 2013 at 09:49 AM

PM

“ *The best of the best. Darlene I know you have your wings, I just wonder if you knew you had them here on earth too? You were tender, thoughtful, and the very essence of being a nurse, of being a human and of being an angel. You brought to this world a ray of sun, you will be missed by family, friends, co-workers, patients. May you fly high my friend!*

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**pam mills** - September 20, 2013 at 07:08 AM



“ *Darlene was a wonderful person and an amazing nurse. She was one of the first to orient me to the floor after graduating nursing school.. I learned so much from her not only the skills of nursing but how to be yourself and how to care and take pride in what you do. My heart aches for Aaron and his family, prayers always. Will miss you Darlene, see you again one day.*  
*Love, Amanda Dunn*



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**Amanda Dunn** - September 19, 2013 at 11:32 PM

DW

“ *I'll miss your smile,your jokes,your sweet personality. Dar you was always helping others. No matter how bad you felt you had a smile on your face. I'm still in shock as I know others are. You have fun in heaven with your mom. Love and miss you. Denise unit Secy 2 west*



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**denise wooldridge** - September 19, 2013 at 10:53 PM

JG

“ *I love you and miss u. Wish you could have met my fiancée leigh white but I know youll be watching over us and everyone else in our family :) and your in a better place with no more pain :)*



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**Justin Gills** - September 19, 2013 at 07:14 PM

AG

*Love this Justin*

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**Angela Graff** - September 21, 2013 at 12:12 AM

RL

“ Randy Campbell, LPN lit a candle in memory of Darlene Francis Gills



Randy Campbell, LPN - September 19, 2013 at 01:26 PM

PG

“ As a former patient I would like to say THANK YOU! I will never forget your beautiful, smiling face which always seemed to appear whenever I was in need. I love you, Darlene.

Paula Goforth - September 19, 2013 at 11:10 AM

T1

“ Twila Cline Lester THS Class Of 1984 lit a candle in memory of Darlene Francis Gills



Twila Cline Lester THS Class of 1984 - September 19, 2013 at 09:35 AM

KR

“ Lite a candle in memory of Dar, she was an awesome nurse. I really enjoyed working with her.

K Ray - September 19, 2013 at 09:32 AM



“ may god be with her son guide him in this difficult time.RIP my friend we love you and will miss you always.

Missy Shrewsbury - September 19, 2013 at 08:25 AM



“ *Patty White lit a candle in memory of Darlene Francis Gills*



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**Patty White** - September 19, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ *Kathy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Darlene Francis Gills*



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**Kathy Taylor** - September 19, 2013 at 05:04 AM



“ *Aaron and all the family, please accept my sincere condolences.*



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**Connie McGuire** - September 18, 2013 at 05:37 PM