



## Darlene Bower

November 4, 1937 - June 7, 2012

Darlene was born on November 4, 1937 in Torrington, Wyoming the daughter of Pete and Elizabeth (Shlagle) Schlagel. She grew up and received her education; graduating Torrington High School in 1955. Darlene married Richard Bower on November 21, 1967 at the Huntley Presbyterian Church and he passed away in 1993. Darlene worked at Citizen's National Bank for a time and then went to work for Torrington Livestock as the bookkeeper for 40 years. She retired in 2012 due to ill health. She loved to sing and served as choir director at her church, the First Congregational Church, of which she was a life member. She also served as the Sunday school Superintendent. Darlene loved spending time with her grandchildren and she especially loved her dog, Buddy. She is survived by her two daughters, Elizabeth (Patrick) Goetz of Aurora, Colorado, and Cheryl Mizell of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her sister, Rachel Sterkel of Torrington; three grandchildren, Veronica and Samuel Goetz of Aurora, and Zada Mizell of Colorado Springs; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; and 5 siblings, Helen Foltz, Pauline Schleining, Herman Schlagel, Ben Schlagel, and Rosemary Feagler. Funeral services for DARLENE BOWER, 74, will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at the First Congregational Church at 10:00am with Pastor Matt Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Visitation hours will be held on Sunday, June 10 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel from 3pm to 7pm. and the casket will be open briefly prior to service time. Darlene died on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Regional

West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to the First Congregational Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Will miss her great smile and little laugh she always had. Thoughts and prayers to her family

Janelle Bower - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ What a loss to this community. Darlene was the type of person we should all strive to be. Kind, sincere, honest, caring. I will miss her so much.

Nancy Bumgardner - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ There was never a moment that Darlene was not a kind, caring person. She had wisdom that none of us could ever achieve. She was a wonderful mentor and role model. My last memory of her was seeing her sit in her chair at the sale barn laughing! As my Dad says, "She was a good ole gal".

Kriss Hovis - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I remember how nice Darlene was. I think she knew my parents, Wallace And Dorothy Newton, through her job at the bank; but I met her and Richard one evening when I took my parents to eat at The Oregon Trail Wagon Train. I think she also visited my parents at their home when they lived in Torrington, Wyoming. We send our prayers and sympathy to all Darlene's friends and family members.

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *What a joyful lady Darlene was. She always spread sunshine. I went to the barn to apply for an office job, She ask if I knew how to use an adding machine, I said no, She gave me one to use, sent me home saying, Go Practice! She was a fantastic friend, boss,we had some really good times at the barn!!*

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**Becky Schuddinck** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *To Darlene's family: Darlene was always a sweet spirit and we looked forward to seeing her at church when we visited. Stan was a Congregational Friend as they grew up, as well as THS classmate. Blessings on all of you.*

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**Stan & Marion Weickum** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Darlene was a wonderful lady, who always had a smile on her face. I worked with her at Citizens National many years ago, and it was always a pleasure to run into her when visiting Torrington. My condolences to her family, she was a very special person.*

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**Suzanne D'Innocenzo** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *I found out today that Darlene had passed and I was so sad, she was the sweetest person with a heart of gold, and she can never be replaced. I will miss seeing her in church when I come home. Rest in Peace Darlene*

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**Patty Franklin** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Darlene was a sweet sweet lady and a role model to all who knew here. Very sad news. Hugs to the family.* ”

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**Susan Herdt** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM