



## Darlyn Faye Olbrich "Dolly"

October 21, 1944 - August 5, 2024

Darlyn Faye Olbrich (Dolly), age 79, of Thrall, TX, passed away peacefully from her daughter Tammy's arms to Jesus's arms on Monday, August 5, 2024. She joined her parents in heaven, free from pain and with a new body. Dolly was born on October 21, 1944, in Taylor, TX, to Alfred and Elvira Olbrich of Thorndale, TX. Her father nicknamed her "Dolly" because she looked as cute as a doll, a name that stayed with her throughout her life.

Dolly was strong in her faith and was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale, TX. In her early years, she taught Sunday school and loved fishing with her dad, always aiming to catch the biggest catfish. After graduating from high school in 1963, she moved to Austin, TX, to attend business school and became an Administrative Technician. Dolly met and married Clyde Russell, and they had three children: Tammy, Clyde II, and Wendy.

Dolly channeled her love for helping others into her career with the Texas Department of Human Resources, where she worked for over 20 years before retiring and residing in Thrall, TX. Her interests included singing, dancing, listening to Polka music, volunteering with the Thorndale VFW, and reading her daily Bible scriptures. Her favorite Bible verse was Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Dolly's love for God was evident in her daily life through her love for others, her conversations about Jesus, and her dedication to singing and reading scripture.

Dolly found great joy in caring for her dogs and all the neighborhood animals, earning her the nickname "Mother Teresa of animals" from her family. She had

unconditional love for everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Elvira Olbrich, and her infant sister, Lanette Olbrich. She is survived by her children: Tammy Darlyn Russell, Clyde II & wife Korrina Russell, and Wendy and husband Kevin Klotz; her grandchildren: Keri and Justin Pesek, Katelyn Keller, Nathan Elder, Colton Russell, Kacey Russell, Clayton Russell, Kayla Klotz, and Holy Klotz; one great-grandson, Brooks Pesek. and one great-granddaughter, Cooper Ann Pesek.

The family would like to thank Pastor Jeffrey Geske from St. John Lutheran Church and the Thrall police and fire departments for their assistance over the years. Saturday, August 24, 2024, services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Thrall; Visitation at 1:00pm, with memorial service from 2:00pm to 3:00pm; followed by a private ceremony at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Thorndale.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
409 Main St.  
Thrall, TX 76578

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ms. Dolly was a huge part of my childhood. She and her family lived across the circle from us. I am saddened at her passing, but my heart is healing knowing she is pain free and whole again. God bless you, Ms. Dolly. I love you!

Noemi Adams - October 21, 2024 at 04:54 PM

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“ I delivered meals to Dolly on Fridays for 3 +/- years. We kept each other's spirits up on those visits. Talking to her and seeing her strong faith was as encouraging to me as I tried to be to her. I miss our visits. What the world has lost, heaven has gained.

Chris Koehne - August 20, 2024 at 03:10 PM

HP

“ Howard & Becky Park purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darlyn Faye Olbrich "Dolly".



Howard & Becky Park - August 20, 2024 at 10:41 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Korrina Russell - August 13, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darlyn Faye Olbrich "Dolly".



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August 12, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ The Nuseed Carinata Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlyn Faye Olbrich "Dolly".

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**The Nuseed Carinata Team** - August 12, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ She was always very loving and she would always give you a hug and a kiss! She was a great listener too. We use to always go to her house it was “the party house”! She was a wonderful lady and she will be dearly missed! My thoughts and prayers with the family!

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**Holly Klotz** - August 12, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ I will never forget her kind soul that was always so giving to others. I miss the times she would come and stay with my family for a couple of weeks during the summer. Heaven has truly gained an angel, may she rest in the Lords everlasting love and peace.

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**Kacey Russell** - August 12, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ I use to take Dolly to Lake Granger riding around and she would get a kick out of the men who were fishing or boating and it would bring joy to her just to get out and ride around with me. Then afterwards, we would stop by Dairy Queen to get ice cream...rest in peace Dolly and just know we love you.

Hanna McNeil - August 12, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ Hanna McNeil lit a candle in memory of Darlyn Faye "Dolly"



Hanna McNeil - August 12, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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“ To our loving ❤️ mother, we mourn your passing but we know heaven has gained another angel and the good Lord will take good care of you. So rest in peace and just know we love and miss you forever.

Kevin and Wendy Klotz - August 09, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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“ Kevin and Wendy Klotz lit a candle in memory of Darlyn Faye "Dolly"



Kevin and Wendy Klotz - August 09, 2024 at 05:16 PM