

## **Darlene York Bramlet | 1938-2016**

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Darlene York Bramlet, 77, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Boyd, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, in Arlington, after a long illness.

Memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Boyd with the Rev. Mark Autry officiating.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church. Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd is handling arrangements.

Darlene was born Dec. 30, 1938, in Clovis, N.M., to Edd and Izora York. When she was young, her family settled in Graham, where she graduated from high school in 1957. She grew up with five older brothers. During her illness, she spoke a lot about her dad. He was a huge influence in her life.

She moved to Fort Worth after graduation and lived in the Waggoner Mansion when it was a boarding house. However, her working life was cut short when she married her high school sweetheart, Pat Bramlet in 1958. They spent a few years in the Navy and then he went to work for American Airlines. Pat's career path took them to Chicago, Tulsa

and finally back to Texas. They moved to Boyd because they wanted to raise their four daughters in the country.

In the early '70s, Darlene started a career with Home Interiors and Gifts. This career choice changed her life. She discovered a love of decorating that, combined with her ability to connect with people, made her a top performer. In time, she became a manager for Home Interiors. This step gave her the opportunity to enhance the lives of her customers and the displayers who worked on her team. After Home Interiors, she went to work for Kelly Services. There she became branch manager. She believed anyone who wanted a job should have one.

Darlene had a lifelong faith in Jesus. She served in the church in various functions and was a member of the Riddle Evangelistic Association board for many years. Even toward the end of her life, her faith never left her. She would tell us: "This one thing I know, Jesus loves me."

Darlene had a way of bringing everyone into her circle and making them feel valued and important. She never met a stranger and recognized the best in everyone she met. She loved to laugh, give parties and socialize with friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat Bramlet, and four brothers.

Darlene is survived by her daughters and their families, Debra and Michael Lasher, Tanya and Ronald Neill and daughter Elizabeth, Renee and Chris Wolfe and their children Ben and Marissa and Melissa and Norman Pickett and their son Dylan; son and daughter-in-law Codee and Rhiannon and their son Jackson; her brother and his wife, Jerry and Wilma York; and two sisters-in-law, Queenell and Almeta York. She is also survived by many other relatives that loved her dearly.

Memorial donations may be made to the Patricia Gail Smith Memorial Scholarship for a deserving student at Boyd High School. There are two ways to donate: a check made out to Debra Lasher can be sent to 8309 Forrest Oak Dr., North Richland Hills, TX 76182 or go to [gofundme.com/2t49uh8](https://gofundme.com/2t49uh8).