

#### APPRECIATION

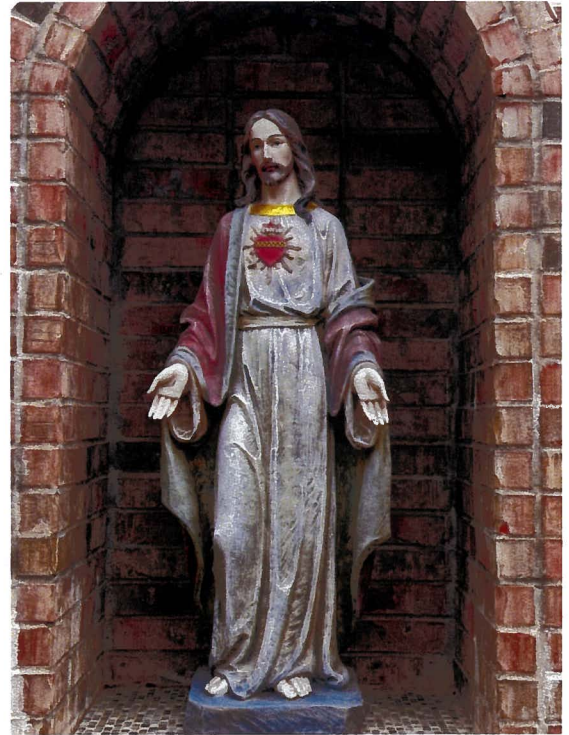
The entire Finch family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts, prayers, floral tributes donations to Sacred Heart Church, and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this difficult time. Thank you for being here with us today to celebrate Darlene's life.



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#### In Loving Memory



## Darlene Icel Finch

December 16, 1927 - September 20, 2024

Darlene Icel Finch passed away peacefully at the age of 96 on September 20, 2024. She was born on December 16, 1927, in Round Grove, Missouri to Harley and Faye Merrick. She moved to Springfield, Missouri at the age of 18 where she met the love of her life. She married Francis Michael Finch on October 7, 1950.

Darlene was a long time and faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she remained active even as her health declined. She volunteered for many causes including St. Joseph and St. Agnes lunchroom, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Mercy Hospital. She enjoyed gardening, picking dandelions, picking up sticks in her yard, seeing how many stickers she could get on a card, visiting with friends, and being the best grandma (especially with back rubs).

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Francis Finch; her parents Harley and Faye Merrick, and siblings Dora Lee Merrick, Aubrey Dean Merrick, Sterling Ansel Merrick and Geneva Rose (Merrick) Lucas.

Darlene is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Julie and Jay Sebek, and Julie's sons, Matthew (Annie) McClanahan and their children Spencer and Cynthea; Joshua (Sarah) McClanahan and their children Kaya and Ada. Her son and daughter-in-law Michael and Ellen Finch and their children Katherine Finch, Hannah (Mark) Dunford and their children Lochlan and Isla; and many nieces, nephews and close friends; also, a special shout out to her cat Nicodemus.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Marantha Village and Access Hospice Care for the loving care given to Darlene.

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#### BORN

December 16, 1927  
Round Grove, Missouri

#### PASSED AWAY

September 20, 2024  
Springfield, Missouri

#### FUNERAL MASS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Springfield, Missouri  
Monday, 11:00am  
September 30, 2024

#### CELEBRANT

Father Joseph Stoverink

#### MUSICIANS

Tom Kutz - Amy Dykman  
Sacred Heart Choir

#### PALLBEARERS

Mark Otradovec	Michael McGowan
Matthew McClanahan	Joshua McClanahan
David Merrick	Mark Dunford

#### GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
Springfield, Missouri  
Monday, 1:00pm  
September 30, 2024