



## Darleen Greenbird

May 15, 2020

Darleen Doris 'Dim' Greenbird, an elder of Walpole Island, Bkejwanong Territory, passed away peacefully in Petrolia on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the age of 72. Darleen is the granddaughter of Ebenezer & Dora (Kiyoshk) Greenbird and Admiral and Elsie (Nahdee) Williams. Daughter of Private Howie and Margaret (Williams) Greenbird. Sister of Ross Greenbird, Joan greenbird, Paul Palmer (& family), Charles Palmer (& family), Starlett Carnahan (& family), Ray & Harriet Dodge, Vera Williams & Curtis Isaac, & the late Howie Greenbird Jr., "Auntie Doris" of Eric & Sylvia Houston, Jason Jr., Valerie, Cyn & Chass, Gabe & the late Ashley. "Auntie Dar" of Tyler, Raven, Aries, Rune, Cameron, Allie, Avianna. Special cousin of Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Williams & family. Darleen was born in Sarnia and spent her early years on Squirrel Island. She moved to Detroit, attending Oakland Community College to learn accounting and business. Darleen was the director of human resources for channel 56 PBS WTVS Detroit for over 30 years before retiring at age 55 and moving back to Walpole Island.

MY SISTER:

I FELT YOU IN MY HEART AND SOUL,  
EARLY THIS MORNING,  
I FED MY SWAN AND I HEARD A WHISPER  
IT SAID "MY EARTHLY WORK IS DONE TODAY".

I FELT YOU LEAVE AND SOAR  
FOR THE HEAVEN AND STARS ABOVE  
AND THEN I HEARD A WHISPER SAY  
"I LEFT YOU WITH MY LOVE".

I LOVE YOU SO  
CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY  
YOUR SPIRIT IS ALIVE; JOIN FAMILY WHO ARE WAITING  
AND THEN I HEARD A WHISPER SAY  
"I LOVE YOU AND WILL BE WITH YOU EVERYDAY".

\*\*\*BUTCH\*\*\*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darleen Greenbird*

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting and working for Darlene as her PSW. I truly enjoyed her company and her kind spirit. My condolences to those she leaves behind,*



**Annette Johnson** - June 08, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Vicky Smith lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



**Vicky Smith** - June 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I have the privilege of renting Darlenes farm land on Squirrel Island now for our 28 th year. I will miss her visits and great scenes of humour. She was a very loyal landlord to our farm and we are always grateful. Rest In Peace Darlene . Eric Allaer*



**Eric Allaer** - May 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM

BM

“ *Brenda And Mark lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



Brenda and Mark - May 21, 2020 at 08:50 PM

NK

“ *Noreen Kicknosway lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



Noreen Kicknosway - May 20, 2020 at 03:53 PM

KC

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



kc - May 20, 2020 at 11:27 AM

J(

“ *Joyce Ritchie (Vye) lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



Joyce Ritchie (Vye) - May 20, 2020 at 08:00 AM

ME

“ My condolences to Darleen's family and all who knew and cared for her. We both worked for WTVS/Detroit Public TV for many years. I loved her laugh, her strong spirit, and her kindness.

*"May the stars carry your sadness away."*

- Marty Eddy

---

**Marty Eddy** - May 19, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CW

“ I was privileged to know Darleen while working at Detroit Public Television - Ch56. We had over a decade of real friendship. Often, when I would visit in her office, it inevitably turned into a "laugh-fest." We'd start off talking about our cats then a particular word or humorous life moment would launch us into an atmosphere of uncontrollable laughter and fun. Needless to say, others outside her office wondered what the heck was going on in there - in a good innocent way.



*The Ch56 atmosphere, at certain times, cast employees into a land of real of gloom & doom. As an effective leader and sincere concern for staff, Darleen did her best to continuously brighten the day, the mood, the workplace, and of course lift people's spirits. The quality of her work was unmatched, she excelled in her responsibilities and position. She is dearly missed but nothing can take away the fact that, over the years and to this day, each time I think of my friendship with Darleen - a peaceful and loving smile appears on my face. What a Grand Lady.*

*B. Charles Mercado - Director, Producer*

---

**Cynthia Williams** - May 19, 2020 at 08:36 PM

ME

“ I am saddened to learn of Darleen's passing. We both worked for WTVS/Detroit Public TV for many years, including several years in the same department. I remember Darleen's laugh, her strong spirit, and her love of family. My condolence to her family and all who knew and cared for her. "May the stars carry your sadness away . . ."

Marty Eddy - May 19, 2020 at 08:36 AM

AB

“ Abee sent a virtual gift in memory of Darleen Greenbird



abee - May 19, 2020 at 07:42 AM

JR

“ I remember Doris from high school as a quiet, funny and great person. I ran into her again a few years ago once she moved back to Walpole. Still the same funny lady but more self-assured. Rest In Peace my friend.



Joyce (Vye) Ritchie - May 19, 2020 at 07:40 AM

SW

“ Spear White lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird



Spear White - May 18, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ *Wanda Vyse lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Wanda Vyse** - May 18, 2020 at 10:43 PM

SS

“ *Sue Soney lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Sue Soney** - May 18, 2020 at 08:41 PM

LA

“ *Liz Altiman lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**liz Altiman** - May 18, 2020 at 07:07 PM

D&

“ *Darlene &Telly lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Darlene &Telly** - May 18, 2020 at 05:26 PM

*Smir*

“ *Muriel Myers lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Muriel Myers** - May 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM

MM

“ *Marsha Miskokomon lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Marsha Miskokomon** - May 18, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DS

“ *Debb Sands lit a candle in memory of Darleen Greenbird*



---

**Debb Sands** - May 18, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RJ

“ *RIP my friend I will miss you dearly Rose John*



---

**Rose John** - May 18, 2020 at 02:59 PM

PW

“ I have so many memories of my/our first cousin. She will always be remembered as my sister from the "good old days." She was always so much fun to be around. I will miss the punch in the arm, her laugh, her smile and the best corn soup and fry-bread on the rez. With every sunrise and sunset, she will forever be a ray sunshine in our life. We are never too far away from each other. Just look in the eyes in each other and we see the one(s) we loved. Rest In Peace sister, love you.

*Paul, Cindy, Dan Liz & Eve, Matthew and Jordan Williams.*

---

**Paul Williams** - May 18, 2020 at 12:12 PM

CW

“ I met Darleen in 1978, when I started working for WTVS/Channel 56 in the accounting department. We became friends fast and she told me she had the perfect man for me. Darleen introduces me to her cousin Paul. I was welcomed into the family right away. Darleen is as always there for big events in our life. When Paul and I were married, the births of our sons, Daniel, Matthew, and Jordan, and when Dan married his wife Liz. Unfortunately Darleen didn't get to meet our granddaughter Eve. Darleen was more sister to Paul than cousin. She was loved and will be greatly missed.



---

**Cynthia Williams** - May 18, 2020 at 11:53 AM

PW

“ I have so many memories of my/our first cousin. She will always be remembered as my sister from the "good old days." She was always so much fun to be around. I will miss the punch in the arm, her laugh, her smile and the best corn soup and fry-bread on the rez. With every sunrise and sunset, she will forever be a ray sunshine in our life. We are never too far away from each other. Just look in the eyes in each other and we see the one(s) we loved. Rest In Peace sister, love you. Paul, Cindy, Dan Liz & Eve, Matthew and Jordan Williams.



---

Paul Williams - May 18, 2020 at 11:40 AM