



## Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills

December 23, 1971 - November 11, 2020

Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills, age 48, of Bradley passed away peacefully at her home Wednesday, November 11, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. She was born December 23, 1971 in Kankakee to Karen (Helgeson) Denoyer and Gary Denoyer.

Darci's love of children led her to pursue a degree in Education from Illinois State University.

She dedicated 22 years to teaching 5th grade at Bradley West Elementary School. Darci had the ability to make all of her students feel loved and treated them as her own. Along with her passion for teaching she enjoyed exercising and spending time outdoors. Her most treasured times were those spent with her children making memories and attending their activities. Darci loved being with family and was an amazing daughter, wife, mother, sister, and friend. She had a beautiful smile that matched her personality and she touched the lives of many.

Darci attended Gathering Point Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are her husband Scott Mills, son Jackson Mills, and daughter Natalie Mills, all of Bradley; her parents Karen (Helgeson) Denoyer and Gary Denoyer of Bourbonnais; one brother and sister-in-law Damon (Stephanie) Denoyer of Bourbonnais; one sister and brother-in-law Danika (Scott) Schultz of Bourbonnais; and several nieces and nephews.

Darci is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Marie Helgeson and paternal grandparents, Herbert and Leatha Denoyer.

Services: A memorial will be held at Gathering Point Church Saturday November 14th 2020 at 10 am for family.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers the family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to an educational fund for her children, Jackson and Natalie Mills.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Gathering Point  
897 West Bourbonnais Parkway  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Tribute Wall

VW

“ Prayers for Scott, her children, Gary, Karen, and Damon

Vickie Weichbrodt - November 19, 2020 at 06:41 PM

CH

“ Charlotte purchased the Broken Wing Pendant for the family of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills.



Charlotte - November 17, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CA

“ Charlotte, Scotts Aunt purchased the Angel of Remembrance for the family of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills.



Charlotte, Scotts Aunt - November 17, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SA

“ Dear Scott, Jackson and Natalie,  
My prayers are with you at this time. Darci was always such a warm and loving person when I would see her at st. Joseph school. Her generous spirit and smile will always be in my memory along with her great love for the three of you.

sister mary ann - November 17, 2020 at 05:32 PM

HG

“ I remember Dari from the gym. Her beautiful smile and pure excitement was infectious. My heart is with her husband, children, family and friends. This is a great loss. She will be missed by so many. My deepest condolences.

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**Holly Gleason** - November 16, 2020 at 03:30 PM

BP

“ Dear Scott,  
You and your children are in my families thoughts and prayers. Mrs.Mills, as we called her, was a wonderful and compassionate teacher to two of my children. She will be missed greatly.  
Sincerely,  
Billy Patel-Smith and family

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**Billy Patel** - November 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DF

“ Deb Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



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**Deb Franklin** - November 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DF

All of our thoughts are with your family and friends...Carole and Deb

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**Deb Franklin** - November 15, 2020 at 03:31 PM

VF

“ Dear Scott and all Family, My husband and I were so saddened to hear of Darci's passing. I am retired from the Supt's Office, District 61, but well remember when we hired Darci. Energetic, positive, a love for her students and life...and her smile! We know our hearts are broken but the assurance that heaven is Darci's eternal home will hopefully give all a peace in our spirits. Our prayers will be with all of you. Sincerely, Vince & Vickie Francisco

Vince & Vickie Francisco - November 15, 2020 at 01:16 PM

TP

“ What a privilege to have known Darci. When she came to our shop she didn't just smile, she glowed. We will always remember her sweet ways. She was special. Love and peace to her family. Brent and Tari Parker

tari parker - November 15, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills.



November 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM

RM

“ Rick And Kim (Dominick) Magruder lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



Rick and Kim (Dominick) Magruder - November 14, 2020 at 10:49 PM

PJ

“ Gary and Karen, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you both and your entire family. May Darcy RIP now.

Sincerely,

Pam Johnson

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**Pam Johnson** - November 14, 2020 at 10:36 PM

MT

“ My heart hurts at this loss. Sending heartfelt hugs and prayers to the family at this very sad, difficult time. May God hold you close, bring you His peace and comfort and may your fond memories of Darci bring smiles back.

Mary and John Thomson



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**Mary Thomson** - November 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM

TF

“ The DeLuca Family lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



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**The DeLuca Family** - November 14, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DS

“ I was so happy to welcome Darci into our family when she married my cousin, Scott Mills. She was warm, gracious, and obviously very much in love with Scott. Over the years, I've watched her (from afar) raise two lovely children and grace their home with love and beauty. I am heartbroken for Scott, and for Darci's family. I understand how devastating this loss is, but I am so very grateful for Darci's presence in our lives. She will be remembered with great affection. And I look forward to one day sharing a lively reunion with her!

Deborah Cullins Smith - November 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

MW

“ My heart goes out to all of you. Darci was a breath of fresh air. Both of my kids loved having her as a teacher. I will cherish all of the field trips we had together. I hope you're dancing your heart out Darci.



Melissa Weaver - November 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JD

“ My prayers are with your family during this very difficult time. My family is very thankful that we were able to know and love Darci. She taught both of my children and made a huge impact on their lives. We will always be thankful that God allowed our paths to cross. We are blessed to have her in our lives.

jodi Daub - November 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TM

“ I was Darci’s third grade teacher. She was bright, talented, beautiful, and very shy. She was one of the best students I ever had. Her parents were so proud of her and I understood why. Several years later I was so pleased to see that she was hired by my district. I taught at Bradley for 39 years and had the great honor to work with her. I was so proud of her. She put her whole heart into everything she did just as she had as a child. She was an awesome teacher loved by all her students and colleagues. When she became ill I never heard her complain. She remained positive to the end. As I battle cancer myself, I pray I can do it with the same dignity and grace as she did. She left a legacy of love. My sincerest and heartfelt sympathy to her family. I know she is safe in the arms of God but I know that doesn’t make it any easier for you.  
Love,  
Teresa Mau

Teresa Mau - November 14, 2020 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. -  
The Scroggins Family



The Scroggins Family - November 14, 2020 at 10:06 AM

TF

“ The Turrell Family lit a candle in memory of  
Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



The Turrell Family - November 14, 2020 at 09:33 AM

TU

*You all are in our hearts and prayers!! The Turrell Family*❤️

**Turrell's** - November 14, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JG

“ *I couldn't have asked for a better fifth grade teacher 18 years ago. Thank you for being such a kind person. My heart goes out to the family.* ❤️



**Jessica Ganz** - November 14, 2020 at 08:58 AM

TL

“ *I'm so incredibly saddened for the Denoyer-Mills family. Darci had a heart of gold and touched the lives of so many people including mine. Some of the hardest times in my life she reassured me it was going to be ok. She was my 5th grade teacher, I was part of her second year teaching at Bradley West. I loved being in her class. All the fun things we did, and her love for N\*SYNC, mainly JC. Although we hadn't talked in a while she was an inspiration to me. She treated her students as if they were her own. She has made an impact on my life and I am forever grateful for her. You will be missed.*

*Sending my love and prayers to the Denoyer & Mills family.*

**Tori Legan** - November 14, 2020 at 08:54 AM

LF

“ *Lazaro Family lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills*



**Lazaro Family** - November 14, 2020 at 08:38 AM

TM

“ Gary, so sorry to read about the loss of your daughter. May she RIP.

*Terry Myers  
West Kankakee*

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**Terry L. MYERS** - November 14, 2020 at 08:21 AM

TF

“ *The Robards Family lit a candle in memory of  
Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills*



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**The Robards Family** - November 14, 2020 at 07:03 AM

GA

“ *Gretchen Allen lit a candle in memory of Darci  
Shalice Denoyer-Mills*



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**Gretchen Allen** - November 14, 2020 at 01:19 AM

LO

“*Darci has ran a Great race and has finished the race as a CHAMPION in God's eyes. She has kept her eye on the goal of being a witness of God's Love and has touched many life's. Throughout her journey with cancer she kept on course and stayed in the race trusting God each step of the way. I asked God why He allowed this to happen and His answer was clear "For the Gospel of my Word." I was touched and realized Darci is touching life's and being a witness for God throughout this journey. A family member a friend someone she knows or someone she just met her testimony is leading life's to God. Tomorrow and the day after for a long time people will continue to be touched for God's leading in their life's because of Darci's sincere testimony of true faith in God. Heaven has gained an Angel who lives on in the hearts and life's of those who knew and loved her and are touched by the life she lived. One day we will meet again in Heaven until then Prayers to the family and friends of Darci Denoyer-Mills.*



*Sincerely,*

*Leila Owen*

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**Leila Owen** - November 14, 2020 at 12:21 AM

SH

“*Darci was a wonderful person with a great personality and smile. I met Darci at the library programs when our little ones were too young for school. She will be missed by so many people in many ways. We are praying for the family.*  
*Sharon Kurien Robinson Aja, Taj and Matteo.*

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**Sharon** - November 14, 2020 at 12:16 AM

MB

“ My deepest condolences to Scott, Jack, and Natalie. Darci was always so kind when bringing Jack in for a haircut. You could definitely tell she was a one-of-kind lady with such a kind and caring soul. My heart goes out to the family. Hugs to all.

<3 Megan (Benoit) Bass

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**Megan (Benoit) Bass** - November 14, 2020 at 12:13 AM

  
Andrew  
LaReau

“ Mrs. Mills was my 5th grade teacher. She impacted my life tremendously even at a young age. Her strength and leadership that I observed as a young child is something I still take with me today. I am grateful to have known her.

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**Andrew LaReau** - November 13, 2020 at 11:22 PM

DD

“ Damon Denoyer lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



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**Damon Denoyer** - November 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JK

“ Praying for your family during this hard time. Darci was my 5th grade teacher. I am so thankful she was my teacher. She was truly a bright light and beautiful soul. Her kindness and influence will not be forgotten.

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**Jennifer Keigher** - November 13, 2020 at 09:33 PM

HP

“ Our condolences go out to all of you! Darci was such a beautiful soul. We remember being there for a double date on one of Scott and Darci’s first dates and we knew she was the one! She will be greatly missed by many

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**heidi pommier** - November 13, 2020 at 08:37 PM

CH

“ Carole Harms lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



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**Carole Harms** - November 13, 2020 at 08:35 PM

GW

“ My deepest condolences to all of Mrs.Mills family and friends. She was such a caring and beautiful person I thank God my daughter had the opportunity to have her as her 5th grade teacher and it made a big impact in her as now she too has taken the same path of becoming a teacher and I sincerely thank her for that. May the bright guiding light lead you to our Heavenly Father. You will be greatly missed. 🙏



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**Gaby Trejo. Bradley West** - November 13, 2020 at 08:00 PM

GR

“ Scott, Jackson and Natalie, Gary and Karen . There are no words to express how sorry we are for your loss. Darci was a special person who was taken too soon. We will keep all of you in our prayers during this difficult time.

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**Gary Weber and Nancy Ruel** - November 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

DK

“ IM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I KNOW DARCI FROM BODYWORKS AND LE BODY.MY PRAYS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.DARCI WAS ALWAYS HAPPY.SHE A SPECIAL ANGEL.



Davia kent - November 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy goes to her children and husband and her family may she Rest In Peace without the pain she had endure she was a strong lady



Jeanne Benjamim - November 13, 2020 at 05:36 PM

KL

“ Kathy Lott lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



Kathy Lott - November 13, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Scott, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.  
Barb Jackson. former CSL employee.



Barb Jackson - November 13, 2020 at 02:30 PM

MW

“ I worked for the St. Joseph grade school and saw Darci when she would bring Jackson and Natalie to school. She always was smiling and had kind words to say. My condolences go out to her husband, children, and family. She touched many lives and will be missed!

Marian Worby - November 13, 2020 at 01:42 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Jones lit a candle in memory of Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills



Kathy Jones - November 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM

VD

“ My sympathy, prayers, and love to Gary, Karen, Scott, Jackson, Natalie, and all Darci's family. Every time I saw Darci she had the big beautiful smile. May you rest now Darci. you are well. and are one of God's beautiful Angels



Virginia R Dominick - November 13, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *Darci’s family and friends,  
 May God guide you through this journey with  
 his arms around you. Darci was taken from us  
 for only the reasons God knows. Please  
 remember to take this journey one day at a  
 time and your beautiful memories will help you through. We were all  
 so blessed to have her in our lives.*  
 Hugs,  
 Rick and Marla Coy



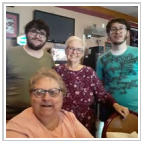
**Coy’s** 🙏🕊️ - November 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Goranson Family lit a candle in memory of  
 Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills*



**Goranson Family** - November 13, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *MaryAnn Senesac lit a candle in memory of  
 Darci Shalice Denoyer-Mills*



**MaryAnn Senesac** - November 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM