



Carolyn S. Michener

July 11, 1937 - December 29, 2022

Carolyn S. Michener, age 85, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the Methodist Manor.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Westfork Township Cemetery in Climbing Hill, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn was born July 11, 1937 in Alta, Iowa to Karl and Signe (Axelson) Bengtson. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta. Growing up she attended school in Aurelia and graduated from Aurelia High School. Then she went on to attend Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa to get her teaching certification.

On August 9, 1959 she was united in marriage to Ronald Michener at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta. They were both teachers and taught many years in Missouri Valley and Denison, Iowa. She taught middle school English. In 1978, they moved back to Ron's family farm near Climbing Hill, Iowa. She continued teaching for several more years at Woodbury Central.

When Ron passed away in 2016, she moved to Lake Pointe Villa in Storm Lake, Iowa to be near two of her nieces. She lived there until a month ago when she had to move to the Methodist Manor.

She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye sports fan, especially football! "Go Hawks!" Ron & Carolyn loved to travel and they enjoyed their condo in Las Vegas and watching the PRCA National Finals Rodeo every year. She also loved cats, gardening and reading.

Those left to cherish her memory are brothers: Dick (Kathy) Hodge of Dubois, Wyoming; and Bill (Sheri) Bengtson of San Diego, California; sister: Rose Zubradt of Fort Collins, Colorado; many nieces and nephews; and good friends and helpers, John & Kathy Johnston.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Ron; parents, Karl and Signe; stepmother, Mildred; sisters: Jean (George) Fullenworth; Nancy (Jerry) Speck; and brother-in-law: Dick Zubradt.

Cemetery Details

Westfork Township Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ *Birgitta Antonsson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Michener*



Birgitta Antonsson - April 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Young Carolyn*



Birgitta Antonsson - April 06, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Aunt Carolyn (Steve, Becky, Kristy Bengtson, nephew/nieces) was such a wonderful, warm and caring person. She meant so very much to all our family and will be greatly missed. Like so many in our family, she and Uncle Ron were dedicated, giving educators. As kids not having having lived anywhere north of Texas, Aunt Carolyn shared with us much about lowan farm-life growing up, lowan winters (and summers) and of course the traditions of “Hawkeye” football. All our thoughts and prayers for her family and those touched by her life.*

Steve, Kelly, Cole, Cade Bengtson

STEPHEN BENGTON - January 04, 2023 at 02:04 PM

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Aunt Carolyn shared so much of her life with so many. I enjoyed her vivid stories, her witty humor, her wise teaching advice, and, most of all, her genuine love. Thank you to everyone (our cousins and their families as well as many others) who helped take care of Aunt Carolyn. You are in my prayers. Thank you for your love, Aunt Carolyn. With heartfelt sympathy and love to all her family and friends, Becky, Eli, Emma (Bengtson-Carson)

Becky Bengtson-Carson - January 05, 2023 at 12:22 PM

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*“ What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. We feel so lucky that Aunt Carolyn was part of our family. Remembering the love that she & Uncle Ron showed us as their nieces & nephew (Steve, Becky & Kristy).
Celebrating the life of a wonderful aunt!
Prayers & blessings, Kristy, Jim & Jake Doorn*

Kristy Jim & Jake (Bengtson) Doorn - January 02, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn S. Michener.



January 02, 2023 at 11:51 PM

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“ Of the six siblings in our family, sisters Carolyn, Rose and brother Bill were always referred to as the "three little ones." It was always used as a term of endearment because of our close bond. We thank God for His great love which has always been a part of our family.

Bill Bengtson, brother of Carolyn - January 02, 2023 at 11:38 PM