



Carolyn Thompson

September 3, 1934 - August 11, 2022

Carolyn Thompson, age 87, of Alta, Iowa passed away Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. To watch a livestream of the service, click on the following link: <https://fb.me/e/25ez4z7zU>. Visitation will be held Friday, August 19, 2022 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Sue Thompson Kruse Memorial Scholarship. Memorials may be mailed to: Sue Thompson-Kruse Memorial Scholarship - Office of Advancement Augustana University 2001 South Summit Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57197 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/SueThompsonKruseScholarship> to submit memorials online. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Florence Lau was born September 3, 1934 in Norfolk, Nebraska one of five children born to Fred and Linda (Winter) Lau. As an infant she was baptized and later confirmed.

Growing up, Carolyn attended school in Clearwater Nebraska, where she graduated in 1952 as the Valedictorian. Following high school graduation, she

attended Wayne State Teachers College where she obtained her Teacher's Certificate in 1954.

On November 24, 1954, Carol was united in marriage to Clair Thompson at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. Carol and Clair were loving partners for over 68 years and together, they were blessed with three children: Terri, Doug, and Sue.

Carol was an elementary school teacher, teaching in both Wakefield and Omaha, Nebraska and Blencoe, Iowa and was known for her creative and fun way of engaging students. She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where she served as church secretary for 22 years, always serving as a model to the importance of relationships, being first and foremost a friend; working person to person, heart to heart. She also was a member of church circles, bible studies, and PEO and served on the Lake Creek Ladies Board and as a Girl Scout and Campfire Girl Leader for many years.

Carol enjoyed traveling, golfing, and dancing. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing cards and Mahjong. Carol was very talented at cooking and baking, along with pottery and other arts. Family was extremely important to Carol and she treasured attending activities of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Carol will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her and who were so generously loved by her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Clair Thompson of Alta, Iowa; children: Terri (Jeff) Vandercook of Eagan, Minnesota; Doug (Kari) Thompson of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Adam (Chantel) Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa; Ben (Amber) Thompson of Norwalk, Iowa; Ali Vandercook of Rosemount, Minnesota; great grandchildren: Zofia and Kiera Thompson and Jace Thompson; brothers: Glen Lau of Lincoln, Nebraska; Ron (Jan) Lau of Johnson Lake, Nebraska; sisters: Veryl Riggert of Westerville, Ohio; Judy

Meyer of Lincoln, Nebraska; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Thompson of Storm Lake, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Linda Lau and her daughter, Sue Thompson Kruse.

Cemetery Details

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Burial

AUG **20** (CT)

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery
875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Thompson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Karla & Gary Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thompson*



Karla & Gary Pickhinke - August 17, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Thompson.*



August 17, 2022 at 05:20 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 16, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JH

“ Sweet, sweet Miss Carol,

What a gift Tom and I received when moving into Leisure World and being blessed with neighbors right next door that we quickly grew to LOVE. I can close my eyes and hear your infectious sweet laugh that I heard so often, especially when Tom would show you funny videos or jokes from his phone, or when you and I would gang up on Clair and Tom. So many special times we were blessed with because of you.



I loved our moments when we were able to talk about the Lord, hold hands and pray together. God heard every one of those prayers and I know he gifted you with a beautiful heavenly reunion with your sweet Sue. Knowing that you are now in the arms of Jesus, My prayer for you Dear Friend is that God will continue to watch over Clair, Doug, Terri and your entire family and replace their tears with peace and joy and so many fond and special memories that I hope will continue to always remind them that you are just a whisper away!

*Until we meet again!
Love you always
Tom and Judy Hogue*

Judy Hogue - August 15, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Thompson.*



August 15, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to Clair and family in the loss of Carol; another beautiful soul entered God's kingdom. May cherished memories give you comfort.*
John & Liz Calisesi

John/Liz Calisesi - August 14, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *I am so sorry about your mom's death. She was such a nice woman with a smile for everyone. May God comfort you in the day's ahead.*

Liz Anderson - August 14, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thompson*



John and Connie Demers - August 14, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SC

“ Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thompson



Sharron Culbertson - August 14, 2022 at 09:21 AM

PK

“ She was my Kindergarten teacher in Blencoe. She was loving, kind, and gentle. She will be missed.

Peggy Kelley - August 13, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Thompson.



August 13, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ Kevin McKinney lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thompson



Kevin McKinney - August 13, 2022 at 08:20 AM

BS

“ *Clair and family...*

Please accept our sincere condolences.

Brad and Maureen Strader

Brad Strader - August 13, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Thompson.*



August 12, 2022 at 10:04 PM

MW

“ *Carol was one of the kindest, friendliest, and most caring individual that I had the pleasure to know for many years. She always thought of others before herself, and had a ready smile for everyone she met. She made the best coconut cream pie you ever tasted! Her cashew crunch cookies were a close second! Many of us will cherish the fond memories we have playing golf, bridge and Mah Jongg together. She was a darned good card player and could hit the ball right down the middle of the fairway most all the time. Leisure World won't ever be the same without Carol, but you can bet we will have fun telling lots of stories that start with "remember when." I send prayers and hugs to all of her family & friends as you celebrate a life that spread joy and love to all whom she knew. Her thoughtfulness, kind spirit, and love will never be forgotten. With much love, Marge Willadsen*

Marge Willadsen - August 12, 2022 at 07:22 PM

DL

Our family has been so lucky to have had such a wonderful friend in you for all of these years! She was the most caring and thoughtful person always putting everyone before herself. She displayed her true feelings by her words and actions.

Thinking of all of our adventures together from when we capsized the sailboat, painting, crafting, playing cards, MahJongg, and eating! You were the best pie maker and we all loved eating it-no matter if it was your favorite or ours! We enjoyed many holidays together from Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Fourth of July! Our family still talk of their amazing sentimental memories watching the fireworks from your lakeshore! And we can't forget our awesome Birthday Dinners complete with homemade favors and gifts! Such fond memories.

You have the most beautiful Family including your husband Clair, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren! Your Doug and Terri have been by your side always! Now you can have a party with Sue in Heaven! She was always like you in the way she quietly cared for everyone including her siblings even though she was the youngest!

*You were always an Angel on Earth, now you're our Angel in Heaven!
You will always live in our Hearts!*

*We Love You!
Brad, Blake, and Dee Lewis*

Dee Lewis - August 14, 2022 at 12:41 PM

JL

Mrs. Thompson was my kindergarten teacher in Blencoe, Iowa. She was truly loving and kind to all of us. So lucky to start school with her guidance and love for learning. I remember the classroom was station after station of fun, my favorite being the Post Office. Mrs. Thompson was creative, kind and lovingly encouraged all students to their best. My sincere sympathy to her family--she was loved by many.

Janet Comfort

Janet Lee - August 16, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MS

Clair and family, We have just watched Carol's service and our spirits were with you. We didn't know of Carol's illness and are so sorry to know of all the sad days of pain and grief you all suffer. What a beautiful service and tribute to our lovely friend, Carol. I rejoice with you all in her homecoming. May God give you His most special comfort. We thank you so much for the wonderful hospitality you extended to us.

Mary Saum - August 20, 2022 at 04:42 PM