



Carol Joyce Bastemeyer

February 13, 1935 - December 30, 2017

Carol Joyce (Veencamp) Bastemeyer of Clive, Iowa

"A woman who embodied the essence of grace."

"The epitome of grace and love."

"When I think of the image of a beautiful Godly lady, I think of Carol. It is such a privilege to have her as one of my dearest friends in Christ!"

Carol was born February 13, 1935, in Sioux Center, Iowa, to Paul and Winnie (DeGroot) Veencamp. She died December 30, 2017, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

Carol attended school in Sioux Center, Iowa, graduating from Sioux Center High School in 1953. She was active in music and cheerleading.

Following high school graduation, she enrolled at what was then Northwestern Junior College in Orange City, Iowa, where she met Norman Bastemeyer.

They were married in Sioux Center, Iowa on January 22, 1955, while Norman was serving on active duty with the U. S. Navy. Carol graduated from Northwestern in 1956. During Norman's Naval career they lived in California

and Illinois. Following that, they returned to the Midwest where they resided in Vermillion, SD, and Denver, CO, before settling in Orange City to raise their

family. While there, Carol was active in the community, serving on various committees for the annual Tulip Festival celebrations as well as in the

American Reformed Church. She worked part-time as a travel agent, and Carol and Norman had opportunities to enjoy many wonderful trips together

through the years. The couple moved to West Des Moines in 1986, and since 2011 have resided at the Walnut Ridge senior retirement home.

Carol sustained serious injuries in a toboggan accident as a teenager, which compromised her physical abilities, and the residual effects became more pronounced in her later years. She never complained about this and exhibited a quiet strength and grace in overcoming challenges and her limitations. She preferred to focus attention on others, and made everyone in her presence feel special and cared for.

Carol had a warm and welcoming manner that gained her many friends everywhere she lived. Her gentle spirit touched many lives. She was a gracious hostess and loved entertaining. She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed various types of needlework. She founded the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Meredith Drive Reformed Church, sharing comfort and kindness with others who were suffering. Carol was observant and optimistic - she rejoiced in the beauty of the natural world and in the people around her. She loved a good book, music, watching the seasons change, flowers, cookies, dark chocolate, and Tony Bennett. She was a loving and compassionate wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be dearly missed, but very dearly remembered.

Carol is survived by her husband, Norman Bastemeyer of Clive, a daughter Connie (Mark) Albers of Northfield, Minnesota, a son Dan Bastemeyer of Iowa City, two grandsons, Alex Albers of Crested Butte, Colorado, Drew Albers of Boulder, Colorado, and a brother, John Veencamp of Cherokee, Iowa, as well as nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Winnie Veencamp, and a brother, Willard Veencamp.

A memorial service for Carol will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Meredith Drive Reformed Church, Des Moines with Rev. Gary Hanson officiating. As was her wish, Carol's body had been cremated, and burial of her ashes will be in West Lawn Cemetery in Orange City at a later date.

Friends may greet the family from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 4, at Meredith

Drive Reformed Church. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Oskaloosa, IA has been entrusted with her arrangements. Memorials may be made to her church. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting Carol's tribute wall at langkampfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Cemetery

514-500 Florida Avenue N.W.
Orange City, IA 51041

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church
407 Albany Ave SE
Orange City, IA 51041
<http://americanchurchoc.com>

Burial

APR 21 (CT)

West Lawn Cemetery
514-500 Florida Avenue N.W.
Orange City, IA 51041

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Joyce Bastemeyer*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Carol was an earth angel who enriched the lives of ALL who knew her. I was privileged to know her for the last 3 years at Walnut Ridge. She was always sweet and kind. Carol and Norm were such a marvelous couple, I am glad they had many years to share their lives. I would have liked to have been at Carol's visitation or funeral, but because of the extremely cold weather and my lack of driving in the Des Moines area, I decided I shouldn't be out on the roads alone. Please know, Norm and family, my heart is with you, as well as my prayers. Sincerely in our Lord's name, Eunie Christensen*



Eunice Christensen - January 04, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ *Doug and Grace Schroeder Scott purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.*



Doug and Grace Schroeder Scott - January 04, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



January 04, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ Barbara, Mark, John, Lynne, James, Laura & family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



Barbara, Mark, John, Lynne, James, Laura & family - January 03, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Love, Lee, Bonnie & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



Love, Lee, Bonnie & Family - January 03, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ Blushing Lilies was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



January 03, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - January 03, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



January 02, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Klay, Veldhuizen, Bindner, DeJong & Halverson, PLC purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.



Klay, Veldhuizen, Bindner, DeJong & Halverson, PLC -
January 02, 2018 at 01:14 PM

TB

“ Norm,
So very sorry for you loss. She sounds like just the wife I would expect you to have and one I would have liked very much.
Tamara Barrett

Tamara Barrett - January 02, 2018 at 11:21 AM

KB

“ Norm,
I am sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. Wishing you peace and strength during this time.
Ken Bosier

Ken Bosier - January 02, 2018 at 10:12 AM

PV

“ Dear Norm and family,

Dee and I were saddened to hear of Carol's passing. She was indeed the gentle and gracious woman described in her obituary. My immediate image of her is with that wonderful smile on her face. She was an encouragement always to this former pastor of hers. We wish you all God's grace and peace as your both mourn and remember a life so very well lived.

Tony and Deanna Vis

Pastor Tony Vis - January 02, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.*



January 01, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer.*



January 01, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bastemeyer family as they grieve and celebrate the life of wonderful and gracious wife, sister, mother and grandmother, that Carol was.*

Shawn Langkamp - January 01, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *Shawn Langkamp lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Bastemeyer*



Shawn Langkamp - January 01, 2018 at 02:20 PM