



## Carol Harsin DeGeest

October 6, 1928 - August 26, 2021

Carol Jean Harsin DeGeest, 92, of Oskaloosa, passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021, at Hospice Serving Davis and Wapello County in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Carol was born October 6, 1928, in Centerville, Iowa, to Harold Joseph and Hazel Verdie (Robinson) Clark. Carol began her education in Centerville, and after her family moved to New Sharon, she attended high school in New Sharon, graduating in 1946. Following her education, she worked for Daws Barr as a bookkeeper and secretary. She married Wilbur “Max” Harsin on August 19, 1956, at the New Sharon United Methodist Church. Max farmed, and Carol then stayed home to raise her daughters and help her husband with farming. In 1988, Max suffered a debilitating stroke, and Carol cared for him until his death in 1993.

Carol found love a second time when she met Glen DeGeest at church. On October 19, 2002, they married in Tracy and resided in rural Oskaloosa at the end of Goose Lane. They truly enjoyed each day of the almost three and a half years they had together. Glen passed away on March 28, 2006.

As a member of Tracy United Methodist Church, she served as treasurer for more than 50 years, and she also served as a soloist for weddings, funerals, and church services. She served as secretary for the United Methodist Women at her church and was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her family was always her priority, but she also enjoyed fun outings with the Red Hat Ladies, traveling – especially bus trips and winters in Arizona.

Her family includes her daughters: Sharon "Shari" (Robert) Alig of Ottumwa and Judith "Judy" (Jim) Sinclair of Ottumwa; four grandchildren: Adam (Alison) Veldhuizen of Toddville, IA, Amary (Shawn) Kerby of Agency, IA, Nichole Barton, (Adam Eddy) of Ottumwa, and Tyler Johnson of Ottumwa; eight great-grandchildren; her step-children: Cherol (Daryl) Brown of Oskaloosa, Glen (Joyce) DeGeest of Oskaloosa, Randy (Christine) DeGeest of Oskaloosa, and Leo (Linda) DeGeest of Taos, New Mexico; Numerous step-grandchildren; and a special friend/sister, Lois Steen of Solon, Iowa.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Carol was preceded in death by a grandson, Andrew Veldhuizen.

Carol's funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 30, at Tracy United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Breckenridge Cemetery near Knoxville. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., Sunday; the family will greet visitors from 2-4 p.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Memorials can be made to Tracy United Methodist Church or Hospice Serving Wapello and Davis Counties.

# Cemetery Details

## Breckenridge Cemetery

8235+34 Durham, Iowa Old Highway 92  
Knoxville, IA 50138

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

## Family and Friends

AUG 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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AUG **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Tracy United Methodist Church  
305 School ST  
Tracy, IA 50256

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Harsin DeGeest*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - August 27, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Carol Harsin DeGeest*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Harsin DeGeest.*



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August 28, 2021 at 10:49 AM

VP

“ *Shari and Judy, may most fond memory is going into your Mothers drawer beneath the closet in her bedroom and trying on her high heeled shoes. I had never seen any shoes like that, they were awesome. The ringer phone in the closet that you Mom and Grandma Ina would talk instead of on the new dial phones. Coming to your home with Dad, I have such great memories of everyone. Please know I am so sorry about your Mother’s passing. I love you both. Jinny Gurney Pettyjohn*

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**virginia Pettyjohn** - August 27, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *56 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - August 27, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CB

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of this lovely lady. Thinking of you all at this sad time.*

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**Cheryl Brown** - August 27, 2021 at 03:54 PM

CV

“ *Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Carol Harsin DeGeest*



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - August 27, 2021 at 12:55 PM

BA

*Carol was such a good friend and neighbor. We went on a few bus trips together. Always fun!! Will miss her so much.*

Becke Arnold - August 27, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TM

*I fondly recall Carol as a beautiful bride moving to the farm east of Tracy, years as good neighbor, and her life as wonderful wife and mother.*

Tom Mott - August 27, 2021 at 07:27 PM

ES

*Shari & Judy & family, i am so so sorry for your loss your mom was a beautiful person inside & out. She will be greatly missed If either of you need to talk get ahold of me*

Eugenia Sanders - August 27, 2021 at 08:49 PM

CI

*Carol was a sweetheart, she had alot of spunk so active in her church i make her great hamball recipe. she will be missed.*

cindyschippers - August 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

CB

*Carol was such a sweet woman. She made my dad very happy. My sincere condolences.*

*Cherol DeGeest Brown*

Cherol DeGeest Brown - August 27, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LH

*So sorry to see this. She was a special friend and I appreciated her kindness to me over the years,. Sending hugs and prayers. Linda (Gurney) Hoy*

**Linda Hoy** - August 29, 2021 at 09:14 PM

MS

*Shari, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Condolences to you and your family. Melinda Shanahan*

**Melinda Shanahan** - August 31, 2021 at 04:09 PM