



Carol Ann Yencer

January 14, 1939 - July 6, 2020

Carol Ann Yencer, 81 of Grand Island, Nebraska, went to her Heavenly Home on Monday, July 6, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date. Entombment of her ashes will be in the First Presbyterian Church Columbarium. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Carol was born on January 14, 1939 at Montpelier, Indiana the daughter of Alvah E. and Nellie (Watkins) Clements. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Montpelier High School class of 1957. During high school she was a cheerleader and twirled the baton. She attended Warner Beauty College in Ft. Wayne, IN. and owned and operated a hair salon in Montpelier.

Carol was introduced to Henry Yencer by mutual friends who knew they shared the same birthday. They dated and soon married on April 24, 1960. They lived in Hartford, IN, Athens, GA, Waterloo, IA and Grand Island, NE. As Henry's advanced with his career, Carol packed up and being the faithful and loving wife, continued to move farther away from her family. Upon moving to Grand Island in 1974 she worked for Clayton's Gifts and then Commercial National Bank. At the time of her retirement the bank was called US Bank. She also served as the event coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce.

Carol never knew a stranger. Moving to a new community was a lot of fun for Carol. She would find herself involved in organizations, church, and schools. Carol even volunteered at the school on picture day so all the kids looked "great" in their school pictures. As her daughters grew up, she found herself as a cheerleader again. She was their #1 fan and attended as many activities as she could. That spirit followed her until the end as she then cheered on her grandchildren in their activities.

She was an avid fan of the GI Islanders, Nebraska Cornhuskers and the San Francisco 49ers. She didn't set idol very often. She was busy sewing quilts for the graduating Seniors at her church, altering the dance recital costumes, decorating for various events, rocked babies in the nurse's station at St. Francis Hospital and watered flowers in downtown Grand Island.

She and Hank were lucky to be able to travel before the dementia became too much. They loved all the places they visited, and the friends and family they traveled with.

Wintering in California and annual trips to Branson with “the gang” were among her favorites! She never forgot her roots, so Indiana was a common vacation destination as well. As her dementia progressed, she never lost her spirited personality.

Her memberships included the First Presbyterian Church, PEO, Garden Club, Birthday Club, D.U.M.P., craft club, YWCA, Harvest of Harmony, PTO and several extension clubs. She volunteered at the church preschool and St. Francis Hospital.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 60 years, Henry; their daughters, Tracey (Tim) Shada of Kearney and Holly (Tom) Rathman of Redwood Shores, CA; granddaughters, Nicole (Chris) Balestrieri, Megan Shada, Ali (Dante) Lanza, Amanda (Zane) Williamson and Samantha Rathman; great grandson, Rexten Williamson; a sister, Imogene Needler of Hartford City, IN; her sisters-in-laws, Pat Winder and Madonna Clements, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lloyd (Francis) Clements, Robert (Geri) Clements, Roger Clements; brother-in-law, Arthur Needler and nephews, Art Needler, Monte Needler and Scott Winder.

Carol’s family wish to thank all the care givers along the rough journey. You were amazing! Carol’s flowers and garden were always so beautiful and important to her. In honor of Carol – Please stop and smell the roses!

Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Ascera Care Hospice, or Providence Place.

Comments



“ Carol was a great lady, she gave Baton lessons and taught me and several of my friends how to twirl batons. RIP Carol. Prayers to her family.

Connie Warner - July 12, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Dear Holly and Tom:
We were sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. When we moved to GI in 1983 I had a job for a year at Commercial National Bank during the trying times of not only the ag crisis but also the reconstruction of Grand island after the night of the tornadoes. Fortunately, Carol was one of our new accounts people and was a real positive force at the bank. It was great to have such a positive person there for the customers. We were also fortunate that your family was a member of the First Presbyterian Church as we were there for 9 years and enjoyed her company and work for the church. She'll truly be missed.

George & Jeni Howard - July 10, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Carol was our first neighbor when we moved into the Stolley park area. She knew my 3 generations of our family. I love that she would always stop what she doing and come chat with us about flowers in her garden or the vegetables in our garden. She always got a kick out of kids and loved watching them play outdoors. We will miss her big wave and friendly smile. Hands down the best neighbors and friends you could ask for. Love always Russ, Julie, Christopher and Alyssa Skeen

Julie Skeen - July 09, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute from Carol Ann's friends and neighbors. As a member of her graduating class of 1957, I wish to offer my sympathy to Hank and the family.

Nancyanna (Groendyke) Townsend - July 12, 2020 at 12:41 AM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of Carol. What a special lady she was. I love the picture of her as it shows her sweet smile and enthusiasm! We were lucky to meet her and Hank through Laurence Krug. Carol was such a great neighbor to Laurence. She was so fun to be around and she had such a beautiful smile and loving heart! Our sympathy goes out to Hank and all of the family. Please take care! Frank and Marsha Prucha

Marsha Prucha - July 20, 2020 at 04:19 PM