



Carroll June Rauert

October 31, 1933 - January 21, 2021

Carroll June (Sass) Rauert, 87, of Grand Island, earned her wings on January 21, 2021 at St. Francis Medical Center after a courageous battle against the Covid virus.

Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Daniel Naranjo will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home. All Covid guidelines and social distancing will be followed.

Carroll Rauert was not a household name to most of Grand Island and 1,000's of visitors to the 3rd City each year, but her iconic drawing of two palm trees and an island has been a familiar part of every Grand Island student, the city and many business' daily lives, since 1952. Carroll Sass, a senior art student, had the winning contest piece selected to represent the Islanders in 1951.

Carroll June Sass was born on October 31, 1933 on the family farm in rural Merrick County to Paul and Leona (Bader) Sass. She was the great-granddaughter of Detlev Sass, an original Grand Island settler. She attended Seedling Mile, Dodge and Barr Jr. High School, Hastings High School, graduating from Grand Island Sr. High in 1952. She was rightfully proud that her original drawing the "Islander" has become Grand Island's most recognized symbol.

Following her schooling, she became a beautician working at the Reece and Sybil Eden Salon. Even though she only worked her trade for a short time, Carroll continued to do haircuts and perms for family and friends. On April 6,

1952 Carroll married Paul Rauert at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Grand Island, where she was baptized and confirmed. They lived all of their married lives on the farm. When not milking, feeding stock or chickens, she would be engaged in her favorite things...gardening, canning, baking, embroidery or oil painting. Above all, her favorite pastime was keeping up with family, especially grand or great-grandchildren.

Survivors include children, Larry (Donna) Rauert of Grand Island, Sharon Clark of Cairo and Pam (Larry) Rieck of Tea, SD; daughter-in-law, Cathy Rauert of MN; grandchildren, Steven, Jason, Dawn, Matthew, Mark, Micah, Nicole, John, Kimberly, Stephanie and McKensie; 23 great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by brother-in-law, Gene (Wilma) Jacobson of Grand Island, sisters-in-law, Connie Sass Hughes of Arizona and Audrey Rauert of Omaha; aunt, Lucille Wilbur of Lincoln and many extended family members. Carroll was preceded in death by her husband, Paul in 2014; parents; son, Rodney (Judy) Rauert; brothers, William and Robert (Marge) Sass; and brothers-in-law, Marvin (Bertha) Larson and William Rauert.

Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island School Foundation for the Art Department, Project Hunger or Northwest School Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

JAN **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carroll June Rauert*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Carrols family. I'm sorry to hear the Covid virus got her. She was always upbeat when I would see her at our salon. Guess I didn't know she'd had her hand in that profession too! We always had interesting conversations as she was an intelligent lady. It was obvious to me she loved her family and our Lord. How wonderful to read she drew the Islanders palm tree insignia. Rest in peace Carrol.*

Lora Christensen Buhrman - January 23, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. I did not know about her winning the logo for Senior High. What an accomplishment! I remember her flowers by the driveway especially a sensitive plant. Sharon, Jean Ann Tourtillott and I would walk from 7 west home and that's how I saw it and your mom always smiling. I also remember her coming to tell us when President Kennedy got shot when we were at 7 west.*



Karen Kirkpatrick - January 23, 2021 at 04:45 PM