

I Am Standing Upon The Seashore

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the
moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length,
she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to
mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast, hull and spar
as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able
to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me ~ not in her.
And, just at the moment when someone says,
"There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout,
"Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

~ *Henry Van Dyke*

In Loving Memory of
Carol Louise Naig

SEPTEMBER 20, 1944 – MARCH 11, 2024

Visitation

Friday, March 15, 2024 from 4 to 7:00 p.m.
Starbuck Funeral Home

Memorial Service

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
West Zion Lutheran Church, Hancock

Officiant

Reverend Steve Carmany

Organist ~ Pianist and Special Music

Ben Jeitz

Congregational Hymn

Living for Jesus
Oh God Our Help In Ages Past

Urbearers

Aiden, Maeson & Rylan Tank
Cooper & Griffin Shively

Inurnment

West Zion Lutheran Cemetery
Hancock, Minnesota

Special Thanks

Carol and her family wish to thank everyone for their presence
and the many acts of kindness shown to them during this
difficult time. Please join them for lunch and fellowship
following the services.

Carol Louise Gilbertson was born September 20, 1944 at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis MN to Olaf and A. Katherine (Dahl) Gilbertson. She grew up in South Minneapolis and attended Hiawatha Grade School, Nokomis Jr High School and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1962. She attended one year at Augsburg College and graduated from Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing in 1966. Her first job as an RN was at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. She then went to St. Gabriel Hospital in California. Returning to MN she worked at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Eitel Hospital and Meadowbrook Treatment Center finishing up her career with 36 years with the American Red Cross Blood Services. She lived in Minneapolis, Eagan, Waconia, Hancock and Starbuck, MN.

She was married to Sheldon Lagaard Jr. for 18 years and had three children, Sheldon III, Kristin and Karin. In 1986, she married Jim Naig. Carol enjoyed being on or near the lake, bonfires, thrifting and loved her Norwegian heritage and treasures. One of her favorite travels was her trip to Norway and always looked forward to spending winter months in Arizona. Most of all, she cherished her family unequivocally and found joy in cheering them on.

To know Carol is to have laughed with or to have shared an encouraging word, whether a close friend or stranger. Being social was a special gift upon which Carol was bestowed; those around her were drawn to her infectious and enthusiastic personality. Even in illness, Carol was never angry, sad, or depressed – she could find the silver lining to keep pushing forward in any situation and rose to meet challenges with a smile.

Carol passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024, at Holly Ridge in Starbuck surrounded by her family. She was 79 years old.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jim Naig; her son, Sheldon (Kim) Lagaard; her daughters, Kristin (Tim) Shively and Karin (Jason) Tank, her step-children: Krista (Dwight) Hoover; Tad (Melissa) Naig; Jana (Mike) Waldrum; John (Erica) Naig; Nissa (Wade) Larson; twenty-five grandchildren and four great grandchildren whom were loved so much; her sister: Nancy Ellerbusch, beloved aunt, cousins and countless dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Carol was a bright light in the lives of so many people and will be forever missed. Blessed be her memory.



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