

Remembering the precious life of...

Carol Gilbert of Devils Lake ND passed away on Sunday morning, March 10, 2024, at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital at the age of 87.

Carol Hager, daughter of Michael and Julia (Miltenberger) Hager was born on October 14, 1936, in rural Esmond, North Dakota. At a young age the family moved to Devils Lake where Carol was raised and educated.

Carol met and later married Vernon H. Gilbert on November 24, 1954, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Devils Lake. Vernon's work with the North Dakota Telephone Company involved moves to many locations and Carol was always there at his side as the devoted wife and caring mother to their children.

They established their home in Devils Lake for a couple years, then in 1956 was a transfer to Cando ND. 1961 brought a move back to Devils Lake then to Blooming Prairie, Minnesota in 1969. A transfer back to Devils Lake in 1977 would be their home for the rest of their lives. Vernon died on May 22, 2018.

First and foremost, Carol's life was her family. She did work outside the home at various jobs, and customer service was her forte. She worked at Jerry's Super Club in Owatonna, MN, Cook at Camp Grafton and later at the Minnie H School, and for several years she worked at K-Mart in Devils Lake. Between these jobs, she and Vernon were owners and operators of Pop's Bar for several years. Carol was never one to be idle, so when given the opportunity to work with her daughter at the East Bay Campground she jumped at the chance. This was precious lake and camper time for her too. She loved visiting campsite neighbors and clients of East Bay. Carol also had her Devils Lake Cedar Inn friends that meant the world to her. Special friend, Veronica Sailor would pick her up and take her to the Cedar Inn.

When not working, Carol was busy baking family favorites, doing word search puzzles and playing Bingo. If there was a chance to travel or a trip somewhere, Carol had her bags packed and was ready to go.

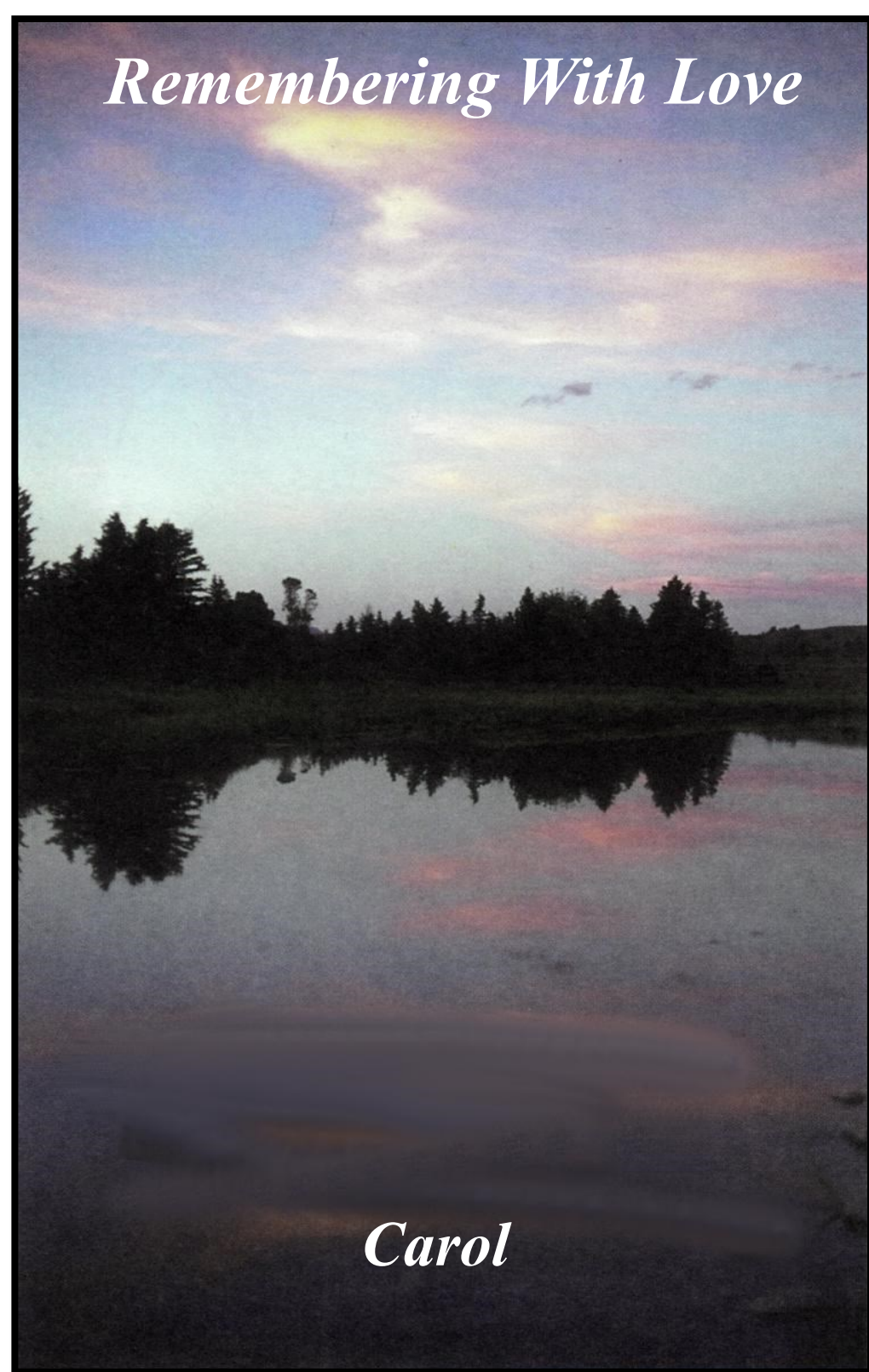
Carol was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society and a life member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Carol's indomitable spirit encouraged her family and friends to persist in the face of many struggles, never give up, make the best of any situation.

Carol is reunited with her parents, husband Vernon, grandsons Matthew Wood and Justin Gilbert, brothers Adam Hager and James Hager, sisters Cathy Fleming and Ann Tuchscherer.

Carol's loving family who survive include her children Joe (Jo) Gilbert, Mankato MN, Valerie (Bill) Wood, Warwick ND, Ron (Colleen) Gilbert, Austin MN, Jerry (Diane) Gilbert, Helena MT and David (Heather) Gilbert, Grand Forks, ND; nine grandchildren Jacob Gilbert, Andrea (Ryan) Gunther; Jessica (Matt) Herrick, Kristin (Matt) Brodell, Evan (Morgan Barendt) Wood; Travis Gilbert; twins Ryan (Alexis) Gilbert and Taylor (Danielle) Gilbert; eight great grandchildren Arya, Rayanah, twins Sam and Sophie, Aidan, Brecken, Ryder and Amelia; several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Remembering With Love



Carol



*Our Beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Dear Friend*

Carol (Hager) Gilbert

HER BIRTH

*Wednesday, October 14, 1936
Rural Esmond, North Dakota*

HER DEATH

*Sunday, March 10, 2024
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Thursday, March 21, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Led by Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*St. Joseph Catholic Church
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Friday, March 22, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

CELEBRANT

Reverend Anthony Cruz

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lynne Webster, Vocalist
Audrey Myklebust, Organist*

LECTOR

Kristin Brodell

GIFT BEARERS

Joe and Jo Gilbert

CASKET BEARERS

*Evan Wood ~ Travis Gilbert
Ryan Gilbert ~ Taylor Gilbert
Matthew Herrick ~ Matthew Brodell*

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

*St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile.
Just forget if you can that I ever frowned
and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
and remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember that I have fought some hard battles,
and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget the grief for my going
I would not have you sad for a day.
But in summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay,
And come in the shade of the evening
when the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
and remember only my best.