

Dorothy Mae Swanson was born April 10, 1922, in Red Wing, MN, the daughter of Ernest and Myrtle Swanson. She was raised in Welch, MN and attended school in Red Wing, MN. Following her graduation from Red Wing High School in 1939, Dorothy attended teacher's training and became a teacher. She continued her education at St. Cloud Teacher's College. Dorothy taught in several rural Goodhue County schools.

On December 14, 1943, Dorothy was united in marriage to Gordon Lindholm, an airman in the Army Air Corps. Four months later Gordon was killed when the bomber he was in was shot down over Yugoslavia. In September Dorothy was blessed with one child, Lois. She continued teaching in Goodhue County.

On January 21, 1949, Dorothy was united in marriage to Marvin Carlson. The couple made their home in Rochester and were blessed with one child, Debra. Dorothy retired from teaching to be an at-home mom. She felt volunteer work was important. Dorothy volunteered her time as a Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and a friendly visitor for Zumbro Lutheran Church among other things. Dorothy was most involved as a volunteer for the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary. For thirty-two years, she worked with families whose loved ones were in the Intensive Care Unit. She helped orient families to the hospital, visited with them during long waiting periods and sat with them during some of the hardest times they ever experienced. Her care and sense of duty was a blessing to thousands.

Dorothy enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing with Marvin. Dorothy also enjoyed the outdoors. She kept flower and vegetable gardens. She liked to spend time camping and fishing. Dorothy loved being with her grandchildren; taking nature hikes, picking berries and catching crayfish with them were special times.

Dorothy will be well remembered for her ability to keep life in perspective; she had an abundant sense of humor and wit with words of wisdom for most occasions.

On Monday, March 18, 2019, Dorothy died at the age of ninety-six years. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Gordon Lindholm and Marvin Carlson; and one brother, Ray Swanson. Dorothy is survived by her two daughters, Lois Davidge and husband, Ed, of Alexandria and Debra Moyer and husband, Darrell, of Alexandria; grandchildren Eric Davidge and wife, Julie, Christine Davidge, Nathan Moyer and wife, Becky and Kelsey Moyer; great grandchildren, Kayelee Freeman, MacKenzie Davidge, Avery Davidge, Keegan Davidge, Grace Rivers, David Rivers and Brody Moyer; one great great grandchild, J.P. Freeman; and several nieces and nephews.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory

**Dorothy Mae
Carlson**

April 10, 1922



March 18, 2019



Memorial Service

Nelson Gables

Governor's Room

Saturday, March 23, 2019

2 PM

Officiant

Reverend Hans Dahl

Musician

Nolan Weisz

Interment

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

(Prior to Memorial Service)

