When God Made Teresa

He looked down and saw a young flower.
He thought, "How can I improve on that?
She has beauty, grace and a love for life."

As she grew, she became wiser; She knew what she wanted.
When she became an adult, she needed the
Lord's help to be a good person: kind and loving.
With the help of the Lord, she married.
She had three children (all boys).
Loved them dearly as she would sit down on the floor and cry
at times and ask, "Why did I have three rowdy boys?"
But she would dry the tears and go back to loving them again.

Over the past 56 years, I learned she was a very loving person.
She cared for family, friends, and people who needed help.
You're taught to be kind, polite, don't be rude to others,
help if needed, respect others, and most of all,
have faith in the Lord.

Greatly missed but will never be forgotten.

Teresa's Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Teresa Diane Carlson

WHO WAS BORN
February 20, 1949
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
November 8, 2024
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father Shawn Polman

MUSICIAN
Diane Vangsness, Organist

PLACING OF THE PALL
Gene Carlson, Sr. | Gene Carlson, Jr. | Russ Carlson | Jeff Carlson

GIFT BEARERS
Lacey Carlson | Brandon Carlson

CASKET BEARERS
Teresa's Three Sons:
Gene Carlson, Jr. | Russ Carlson | Jeff Carlson
Teresa's Three Brothers-In-Law:
Bob Carlson | Mick Carlson | Jim Carlson

INTERMENT
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Teresa's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Teresa Diane (Schell) Carlson was born on February 20, 1949, in Milbank, SD, to Raymond and Betty (Chamley) Schell. She spent her formative years in Milbank, attending St. Lawrence Catholic School followed by Milbank High School, where she graduated with the Class of 1967.

On November 9, 1968, Teresa exchanged vows with the love of her life, Eugene Carlson, Sr., at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, SD. As a military spouse, she resided in various parts of the country such as Millington, TN, and Quonset Point, RI, while Gene served in the armed forces. Eventually, they settled back in Ortonville, where they raised their three sons.

Throughout her life, Teresa wore many hats - from working as an assistant librarian to working at the Ortonville Meat Market, Maime's Dress shop until it closed then at Cartwright Drug.

An active member of St. John's Catholic Church, Teresa's faith was an integral part of her life. Her unwavering devotion saw her rarely missing a Mass, finding solace and strength in her religious beliefs.

Teresa had a love for simple pleasures. She relished long drives with Gene, admiring scenic vistas and preparing snacks for the road. She found peace sitting outdoors, observing nature's beauty, watching the birds, and going fishing. Her affinity for animals spoke to her nurturing spirit, having cats and a dog. Teresa's culinary skills were second to none - renowned for her pheasant in the crockpot and wild, Canadian Goose that graced the family table every Sunday. In later years, Teresa's love for cooking extended to her love of watching Food Network on television.

Known for her warm hospitality, Teresa's home was a haven for all who entered. Her kindness knew no bounds, and her politeness and generosity left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know her. Fond of children, she delighted in sharing treats on Halloween and cherishing the joy on their faces.

Teresa will be deeply missed by her devoted husband Eugene "Gene" of Ortonville, MN; sons: Gene Jr. (Becki) Carlson of Miltona, MN; Russell Carlson of Montevideo, MN; and Jeffrey Carlson of Ortonville, MN; five grandchildren: Brandon, Lacey, Chelsie, Abby, and Zetta; one great-grandson, Cooper; two sisters: Mary Mack of Big Stone City, SD; and Imelda Pogany of Sioux Falls, SD; one brother, Ronald Schell of St. Paul, MN; along with numerous nieces and nephews; and friends very special to her: Pat Carlson, Cheryl Carl, and Diane and Bud Cornelisen.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and sister-in-law, Sharon "Tena" Strei.

A Life Remembered