

Obituary

Carolyn F. Kohler age 89 of Detroit Lakes, MN died June 19, 2022, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND, under the care of Hospice.

Carolyn Frances Kohler was born May 28, 1933, in Syracuse, New York to Carroll and Sara Margaret (Kau) Pratt. She moved to Hamden, CT as a young girl and later to Grand Rapids, MI, where she graduated From High School. She then attended college in Grand Rapids before later moving to Fargo, ND. On May 25, 1955, she was united in marriage to Lyle Kohler. In 1959 they made their home in rural Detroit Lakes, where they lived their entire lives.

Church and family were very important to Carolyn. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. She was very active at Bakke Lutheran Church over the years, serving on the Church Council, as church treasurer, secretary-treasurer for WELCA, teaching Sunday School, and even working as church secretary for many years. She also was very active in her community, serving as clerk for Holmesville Township, and as a member of the Becker County Township Association. She also was a 4-H leader for several years. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, deer hunting, and bowling.

Carolyn is survived by four daughters, Barbara (Mark) Wagner, of Lake Park, MN; Susan (Glenn) Erickson, of Audubon, MN; Becky (Wade) Tigue, of Dilworth, MN; and Wendy (Michael) Leach, of Coralville, IA; one son, Kerry (Alicia) Kohler, of Kelso, TN; twelve grandchildren, Amanda (Todd) North, Nicholas (Natasha) Erickson, Sara (Jason) Miller, Joseph Wagner, Kyle (Nipawan) Kohler, Caleb Kohler, Rachel Kohler, Ethan (Erica) Kohler, Elli Leach, Casey (Alisha) Tigue, Jade (Brian) Miller, and Stephanie Leach; thirteen great grandchildren, Jackson, Max, Grady, Gavin, Finley, Easton, Harrison, Henry, Callen, Emmett, Lylah, Aiden, and Isaac; one brother, Robert Pratt, of Greendale, WI; brother in law, Lloyd (Pearl) Kohler; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; her parents; sister-in-law, Barbara Pratt; and brothers and sisters in law, Eugene (Darlene) Kohler, Royal Kohler, Helen (Harry) Hendrickson, Archie (Anna) Kohler, Leslie Kohler, Darlene Johnson, and Ronnie (Agnes) Kohler.



Her Journey

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
From sorrow and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so much.



In Loving Memory of

Carolyn Frances Kohler

Born

May 28, 1933
Syracuse, New York

Died

June 19, 2022
Fargo, North Dakota

Funeral Services

Saturday-June 25, 2022-11:00 a.m.
Bakke Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Kim Schnitzer

Memories of Grandma-Mande North

Organist

Jean Erickson

Soloists

Tasha Erickson
Kim Schnitzer

Pall Bearers

“All Carolyn's Grandchildren”

Honorary Pall Bearers

“All Carolyn's Great-Grandchildren”

Interment

Bakke Lutheran Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota