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Memorial Service for:

Carol Voight

Celebration of Life for

Carol Voight

April 17, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas

PROCESSIONAL SONG

In the Garden

VERSE 1

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

REFRAIN

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

VERSE 2

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;
His voice to me is calling.

REFRAIN

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Carol, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Carol was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

READING OF OBITUARY

Brad Voight, nephew

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 14:1-6

Read by Ken Voight, brother-in-law

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC

If Ye Love Me
Sung by ERLC Choir

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC

Sheep May Safely Graze

Played by Deb Fasanello

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carol. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

Be Still My Soul

Tune: Finlandia

VERSE 1

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

VERSE 2

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

VERSE 3

Be still, my soul! When dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears.
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart;
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul! Thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

VERSE 4

Be still, my soul! The hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

VERSE 5

Be still, my soul! Begin the song of praise
On earth believing to thy Lord on high.
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways;
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul! The Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

*Following the service you are invited to a luncheon in the Community Room
on the lower level. A private internment will take place at a later date.*



OBITUARY

Carol M. Voight, of Zimmerman, passed away on March 31, 2024, in Princeton, Minnesota.

Carol was born on November 26, 1939, in Mankato, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Paul and Marie (Offerle) Severson. Carol was baptized and confirmed at Medo Lutheran Church in rural Mapleton, Minnesota. Carol would eventually become Medo's church organist, a position that she held for almost 10 years.

Carol attended school in Pemberton, Minnesota, graduating in 1957. Carol was her class's salutatorian, and she gave her salutatory address at the commencement exercises held on May 22, 1957.

Following her high school graduation, Carol attended Mankato Commercial College, Mankato, MN, earning her degree on March 14, 1958. At that time she elected to work for a local law firm in Mankato. This experience, as a legal secretary, allowed her to become familiar with all aspects of a family law practice.

Desiring to broaden her work experience, Carol moved to Minneapolis in 1965 where she continued her legal secretarial career.

On September 7, 1968, Carol married Gary Voight, who at that time was stationed in Washington, DC, serving in the US Army. Carol and Gary rented a U-Haul trailer and took off in Carol's 1965 Mustang convertible for the apartment that they had rented in Alexandria, VA.

Once settled, Carol became employed by one of DC's most prestigious law firms. Eventually, Carol worked exclusively for the firm's top Technology and Communications Regulation attorney. The firm's client base included many of the nation's largest media companies. Carol found the work to be challenging, rewarding, and exciting. It also allowed Carol to be present at the creation of the world of cellular telephone communications, as well as the advent of digital television. Carol retired from her position with the firm in 2004 after 36 years of superb, dedicated service.

Carol enjoyed visiting the many historic sites and museums that exist in the Washington, DC, area. She also looked forward to the times when she and Gary could make their way to Hawaii, which was always one of Carol's

favorite destinations. In 2018, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, they journeyed once more to the Big Island of Hawaii.

In 2005 Carol and Gary decided to leave their home in Leesburg, VA, and relocate back to Minnesota in order to be nearer to family.

Carol truly enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors. When the weather was cooperative, Carol would always try to be outside working in the yard. Just enjoying the beauty of the natural world brought her a great deal of pleasure. She also loved helping Gary with any number of projects that required an extra hand or a cheerful word. Observing the wildlife that frequented the pond that bordered their property in Zimmerman was one of her very favorite pastimes. She truly enjoyed keeping an eye on the pond in the spring when the many migrating birds, ducks, etc., would use the pond and yard as a rest stop as they headed farther north.

Another of Carol's favorite pastimes was going on the search for antiques. That was especially true when she lived in Virginia, but she also continued to enjoy browsing through the various shops that she and Gary found in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

On the home front Carol very much enjoyed researching recipes and planning the daily meals. At Christmastime, she always looked forward to making her mother's recipe for Pecan Tea Cookies.

Carol is going to be so greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to know her. It would be difficult to find an occasion when she ever uttered a harsh word. She was always kind and considerate of those around her. When it came to her immediate family, she always put those she loved first. It was inherent in her to be supportive at all times; and she was always eager to provide encouragement whenever and wherever it was needed.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, sister-in-law, Margaret Severson, and several cousins. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Gary; her sister, Phyllis Severson; her brother, John Severson; other family and friends.