



Carol Stanley

October 18, 1922 - April 12, 2012

Traverse City-Carol Evelyn Stanley, 89, of Traverse City, died Thursday morning, April 12, 2012, at Munson Medical Center.

Born October 18, 1922, in Boyne City, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late DeWitt Edgar and Grace Willow(Cheesebro)Calkins. On May 2, 1941, in Pontiac, she married the love of her life, Ernest P. Stanley, Jr., who preceded her in death on March 15, 2004.

During WWII, Carol worked as a welder at the tank plant in Flint. Afterward she was an Arthur Murray dance teacher. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and children during his 25-year military career. Carol was a Cub Scout Den Mother in Olympia, Washington. In France she learned to play bridge, volunteered as a Red Cross Gray Lady, and was a teacher's substitute. She attended a year of college in Belton, Texas. She bluffed her way into a bookkeeping job in Lansing with no prior experience. In Okinawa she took her first painting class. In Traverse She was active in little theater, and started her lifelong mentoring of girls and younger women in Traverse City. She was president of the Officer's Wives Club in Germany.

While living in Waterford, she worked as an Associate Broker for Evans & Associates. Throughout her career, she received both the N.O.C.B.R. and the Michigan Realtor-Associate-of-the-Year awards and the Michigan Women's Council of Realtors' Woman-of-the-Year award along with various other citations. She was President of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and of the Michigan Chapter Women's Council of Realtors. Her interest in her chosen field led her to serve on the Board of Directors of the state and national real estate associations. She also was an Oakland County Park Commissioner and an active member of the Oakland County Republicans.

After returning to Traverse City in 1995, she relished sharing her time and talents with others as she volunteered at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City Visitors Center, and the Old Town Play House. Carol was a member of Unity Church of Traverse City, where she served as an usher, a member of the Angels, and a Chaplain Emeritus.

Carol will be fondly remembered for her fire and spirited outgoing personality, her willingness to help others, and her ability to voice her opinion in a loving way. Her determination to help others was evident throughout her life, as she was always taking someone under her wing, guiding them with love and understanding, and offering wisdom. She loved her husband and children passionately and always inspired them to do their best.

She was a gifted artist who enjoyed playing bridge, working crossword puzzles with an ink pen, and grooming her flower gardens.

She survived by her four children, Ernest (Carol Tamasiunas) Stanley III of White Lake; Sharon (David) Heitzman of Saint Paul, MN; Jeffrey (Amy) Stanley of Honey Creek, IA; and Terry (Patti) Stanley of Windermere, FL; four granddaughters; five grandsons; one great-grandson; and one brother, Larry Calkins of Burton.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by three siblings, Adrienne Lowe, Alden DeWitt Calkins, and Mary Ellen Roven.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Unity Church of Traverse City, on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Cremation has taken place.

In remembrance of Carol, memorial contributions may be directed to the Unity Church of Traverse City or to the Father Fred Foundation.

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Unity Church of Traverse City
3600 Four Mile Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ What was special about Carol Stanley?

She loved her children unconditionally and was always their best advocate. She always believed in her children and therefore they believed in themselves and their abilities. She offered kindness and generosity to others: family, friends and acquaintances. She believed in herself and had a can-do attitude about tackling life with it's ups and downs. She appreciated beauty in nature, in her surroundings and in other people. She was friendly and welcoming. She had compassion. She had an inquiring mind. She was willing to try new things and meet new people. She was our mom.

By Sharon Stanley Heitzman

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Sharon Stanley Heitzman - May 24, 2012 at 11:21 PM



“ Hello family of Carol Stanley,
Carol was my best friend 1957-1963 (?). Carol was one intelligent and smart lady. We stayed in her home with her 2 teen-agers when she went on vacation. Her husband was a career military man so was away on duty. I attended her son's wedding in Tacoma, WA. I would love hearing from anyone in her family.
She was a very good friend with the Hunts who lived in Muskegon, MI and in Boyne City, MI. If anyone would like to email me I would appreciate hearing of how Carol and her family have lived their lives in the past this many years. Elwood Hunt (my former husband) and I (and out son) moved to Washington State in 1962 so we have lost tract of Carol and her family.

Sincerely, Arlene Z. (Hunt) Pielemeier apielemeier@Frontier.com

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“ Carol was, and continues to be, a significant inspiration in my life. We were dearest of friends -- laughing, crying, sharing, drinking tea and eating gingersnap cookies, having lunch together, and enjoying the conversations that close friends share. We simply loved each other dearly! I think it's not too often that we can say we are really close to someone, or that we get to experience what it is to be friends and love unconditionally -- to know each other pretty well and still love to be together. Adjusting to life without her physical hugs and laughter is hard - I can hear her chiding me about missing her -- she knows I knew she was going to go one day -- and we both agreed that we all will. But it sure is hard when it happens! So I go on enjoying visiting with her in my heart and in my thoughts (and even hear her voice talking back) !

I feel privileged to have had these few years of friendship with Carol and will cherish every day we shared!

Linda Wilson

Linda Wilson - May 08, 2012 at 07:09 PM