



Carolyn Lee Roesner

November 13, 1930 - April 11, 2020

TRAVERSE CITY – Carolyn “Tiny” Lee Roesner, age 89, of Traverse City, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Cherry Hill Haven of Kalkaska.

Carolyn was born in Detroit on November 13, 1930, to Ivor and Esther (Philipp) Lee. She grew up in Royal Oak. Tiny attended college at Bay Path University in Massachusetts.

Tiny worked as a secretary at the television station WJBK, in Detroit.

In 1956, she married Charles VanNorwick, together they had two daughters, Amy and Janie.

In the 1960's and early 70's, Tiny and her family spent many wonderful summers and weekends at their beloved cottage on Glen Lake. Because of their great love for northern Michigan, the family made their dream come true by moving to Traverse City from Bloomfield Hills in 1973.

During the mid to late 70's, Tiny and Chuck owned and operated Van Norwick's, a clothing/fine goods store that was located in Traverse City.

Tiny had immense love for animals, especially dogs. She owned many dogs during her lifetime. Tiny was an avid bridge player and was in a bridge club for many years. She had a great appreciation for anyone with a good sense of humor and had an infectious laugh.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Amy (Ronald) Christy of South Haven, Jane James of Spring Lake; grandchildren, Aaron Bischoff of Paw Paw, Alexander Hyde of Spring Lake and Ellen Hyde of Traverse City; and sister, Nancy Crisler of Bloomfield Hills.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, and sister Barbara Rarey.

No service is planned at this time.

Memorial contributions in Carolyn's honor may be directed to Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Road, Traverse City, MI 49696 or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, (JDRF), P.O. Box 37920, Boone, IA 50037-0920.

Comments



“ Tiny was a long time resident at Harbor West Marina Village where she was known well. We send our sincere condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed.

With deepest sympathy,
Harbor West Marina Village Condo Association

Manager HWMV - April 22, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ I will always remember our vegetable dinners with "Bag." She, with very little help from us, would prepare perfectly red tomatoes, delicious green beans, market fresh cucumbers, buttery potatoes, homemade bread and a variety of other dishes. We would sit on the patio and the sunshine off the East bay would warm our shoulders as we laughed and talked. I can still feel the sense of peace and comfort. Bag is and will always be family to me. Her love of animals, her children, and her friends had a gentle, reassuring influence on my life. Bag, you will remain in my heart, my mind, and my spirit forever...

Anne (Pearl) Brubaker-Stagner

Anne Stagner - April 19, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Tiny shared a dinner table with my mother-in-law (Fay) at Bay Ridge. I ate at the table last summer or fall with Tiny. After that, every time she would see me she would say "Hi Bob" and we would chat a little.

So sorry for your loss,
Bob Otwell

Bob Otwell - April 19, 2020 at 08:50 AM



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