



Caryl Veach

June 13, 1949 - November 22, 2019

TRAVERSE CITY – Caryl A. Veach, age 70, of Traverse City, passed away on Friday, November 22, 2019 at Munson Hospice House in the loving care of her family.

Caryl was born to the late Howard and Margaret (Hoffmann) Engelhardt on June 13, 1949 in Chicago, IL.

It was in 1974 that Caryl made her way to Traverse City where she spent many of her years teaching.

Caryl is survived by her 4 sons; Ryan (Margaret), Nahum (Victoria), David, and Jacob, 5 grandchildren; Mady, Avery, Lauren, Johnny, and Alex, and her siblings; Lynn, Don, and Jan.

Caryl was drawn to nature and the beautiful waters of northern Michigan. Her spirituality was very important to her and remained constant throughout the entirety of her life. Her favorite spiritual saying, Namaste, will never be forgotten by all of whom she knew.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions in Caryl's honor be directed to the Redeemer Lutheran Church – Food Pantry, 1896 Rogers Road, Grawn, MI 49637.

Comments



“ It is Christmas day 2019. The greatest gift Caryl ever gave me was the poem Footprints in the Sand. The poem describes that Christ carries us through adversity. I was surprised to learn that at the Vatican this year the Nativity Scene was entirely sculpted from sand.

Caryl loved the beach and the sun. She also shared a poem one of her son's wrote which referred to "diamonds in the snow". Every time I see the sun sparkling on the sand and snow I will think of my friend Caryl.

She wasn't afraid to share her faith. In many ways I think Traverse City has its own saint.

Carla Smith - December 25, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Caryl for a few months. She was a very special person to me. Namaste my friend, Namaste

Nancy Schoech - December 23, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ Ms. Veach was an assistant and/or aid for the Intermediate school district in the Traverse area of which I was a student. She worked One on one with me for four school years in Junior High through early high school. She was a great person for that job and went was always happy to go to an extra extent to help me with my work and challenges as a student both in the short and long term. I got to see she was a vary kind and uniquely good natured person.

Dominic Venturi - December 14, 2019 at 12:29 AM



“ She talked about you all the time Dominic. She thought you were very special.

Lynn, Ms Veach sister - December 14, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ We were good friends of Caryl back in the early 70's in Traverse City and hung out often, those were innocent times as new Christians.

We used to play games and I remember one night about 4 young married couples were playing "Spoons" and pulling each other every which way and laughing till it hurt especially Caryl, she was so beautiful with that million watt so and infectious laugh.

I haven't seen Caryl n many years but oh those fond memories when we were all young in simpler times REST IN THE ARMS OF JESUS MY FRIEND



James Hartley - December 04, 2019 at 02:03 AM



“ My favorite memory of my sister Caryl is our 3 sister one week together by a lake in Traverse City.

We stayed in a cabin on the lake.

We went on a boat, drove to the peninsula and enjoyed going to dinner. We went to Sleeping Bear Dunes. We laughed alot looking at old albums.

This is the most recent

Time together. A wonderful memory. Caryl you will be missed, but you are in Heaven with our mom. Your sister,Jan

Jan - December 03, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ My mom, those were my moms two favorite words. I will miss saying those two words. My fondest memory of growing up was, once a year, mom would call us (my brothers and I) in sick for school. We would all load up in the car and head up to Old Mission Peninsula and play “ hooky” for the day . I remember we would pick up fried chicken for lunch and brownies for dessert. We would spend the day playing in the water and swinging on the biggest swings known to man (well at least for us at the time). MY MOM was an amazing woman who would come home after teaching Special Ed. and then have the energy to raise four boys as a single mother. Thank you mom for being the best mom four boys could ever have.

Ryan Veach - December 02, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss!

Lumi Dinescu - December 03, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Ryan, I'm so sorry and broken hearted to hear of your wonderful mother's passing, she was a one of a kind mother and a very special lady. She will be missed.

James Hartley - December 04, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ What can I say? Caryl was my best friend for over 45 years. We met in church. I remember telling her what a beautiful baby she had and she commented the same about my baby. I asked what her baby's name was and she said Ryan! I said "that's my baby's name! From then on we were friends for life! I have so many memories that it could fill a book. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be so missed.

Christine Gilletti - December 05, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ I will never forget the road trip that Caryl, Lynn & I took heading north along The Lake & visiting all the little towns & ports along the way. And the old naval/coast guard stations as well. It was a fun-filled full day as we headed back to TC with dusk falling upon us. “Watch for deer” echoed in the car as I drove us through the countryside. As we crested a hill and to our amazement we were engulfed in fire flies in a quaint little valley. I stopped the car & 3 car doors opened simultaneously as we tried to capture the amazing twinkling flying lights! It was a trip we will never forget!

D Engelhardt - December 01, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ On that faithful Christmas night, four years ago this year, God found way to put you in our lives. Our conversations over these years, were always filled with the love and pride you have for your sons, Ryan, Naham, David and Jake, your sisters, Lynn and Jan and brother, Don, The tender stories about your sweet grandchildren when they would call their Nana, send hand made pictures and speak freely of their love for you.

You raised remarkable loving and caring son's, evident by the care, compassion and patience we witnessed over the past few months as you moved to assisted living, then transitioned into your heavenly journey. We feel extremely lucky to know your family and would never have this opportunity if not for the timing of each step of that Christmas night 2015.

I will remember our last “road trip” in mid October, a sun kissed day with a warm breeze and colors just turning as we had breakfast in Sutton's Bay. You ordered Belgium Waffles with whipped cream and fresh strawberries. We chatted as we drove through Old Mission Peninsula, the breeze blowing your hair, the smile on your face. We ended our day with warm pumpkin donuts and cider from Gallagher's Farm in Traverse City. We agreed, it was a perfect day.

Forever, you will be our “Christmas Caryl”, an endearment coined by Joe. I will miss you, my sweet friend. All who were touched by your gentle spirit, love of nature and kindness, are happy knowing you are at peace. “Namaste”

With deep affection,
Rasa and Joe
Lake Ann



Rasa and Joe Baker - December 01, 2019 at 07:31 AM



“ My dear sister, how I will miss you... always sharing what life gave us as we talked for hours till the wee hours, always with a candle; visiting cross country with your four and our four; endless adventures in Michigan, Chicago Mack race, Vasa, dunes, beach glass and Petosky stones. Now you are peaceful,. My sadness will end someday, and I will be peaceful too.

Lynn Merrill - November 29, 2019 at 02:13 PM



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D Engelhardt - December 01, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ “Crested a hill”

D Engelhardt - December 01, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ I will always remember the three sisters week together at the cabin.

We drove to different

Places to enjoy dinners together. Sleeping Bear Dunes, Boat ride

Laughed and enjoyed our time together not to long ago. Lynn, Caryl and I enjoyed that week at the cabin.

My sister will be missed but she is with her Mom now in Heaven. Love you Caryl

Your sister Jan

Jan Stefanson Caryl's sister - December 03, 2019 at 01:06 AM



“ Caryl and I spent many a day together ... sharing our Love for the Father, our children and one another. She was a beautiful soul who left her footprints on many a heart



sharon Eickenroth Mitchell - November 27, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Ryan, David, Nahum and Jacob. I have such fond memories of all of you at Cherry Knoll. Your mother was such a wonderful person and loved you all dearly. Cherish your beautiful memories.

Mary Courson - November 27, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ My family was blessed to have known Caryl. Her friendship and love will always be in our hearts. We will miss her deeply for summer sunsets and dinners on Long Lake. Thoughts and Prayers for the family. Rest Easy Caryl, forever in our hearts.



Janina Wagner Glazier - November 26, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Our wonderful cousin. She was always so kind to our Mom.
One of God's angels in our midst.
We shall meet again some day and celebrate together!
Alan and Sue

Alan and Sue - November 29, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ I thank God for putting you in my life! You gave me so many blessings!! Your love, humor, wisdom and strength were such a gift to me! I saw you touch so many lives with your beautiful soul and loving heart! I love you and miss you! I know there are no endings only new beginnings, and I know yours will be amazing! Until I see you again my friend!

Kristin

Kristin Cybak - December 02, 2019 at 07:56 AM