

Carol Schmidt

Carol Schmidt, 76, passed away Friday, Aug. 20, 2010 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey due to complications from a heart attack in June.

Carol was born Helen Carol True on Jan. 17, 1934. Her sisters (Janet, deceased, Barbara, deceased, and Joan (joe-ann), surviving) named her for their mother and for the music of the recent Christmas season. She grew up in Harbor Beach.

She loved her time spent at the family cottage on Lake Huron. She enjoyed the local sports events and going to many movies. Carol met her friend Ann Bunting Cleland at the age of two or three, and Lorraine Kranke Storrs by middle school. They remained in close contact their whole lives.

Carol graduated third in her class from Harbor Beach High School in 1951. She attended Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit and Graduated in 1954.

On Jan. 21, 1956, Carol married (Oliver) Keith Schmidt. She moved with him to Arlington Va., where Keith was stationed in the Army. A short time later, they moved back to Keith's family farm in Forestville, just south of Harbor Beach.

In June of 1971, Carol and Keith moved to Pickford, purchasing Forest Smith's farm. Carol was very active in life in the U.P. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in circle, Sunday school and choir. She taught children's Sunday school for various years and led the singing for grade schoolers. Carol spent time helping at Northwoods Christian Camp. She was an active communicator. Her kitchen table was a constant flow of letters, cards, comics and articles coming and going to friends near and far. Carol's long-time yearning to see Hawaii finally was satisfied in 1993 when she and Keith rented out the farm and spent three months in Kona at a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) school. They traveled from there to Russia on outreach and finally to Latvia, where they lived as missionaries, for about 18 months. Carol held many of those Latvian friends dear to her heart the rest of her life.

Carol is survived by son Andy (Karen Tenbrink), daughter Joanne (Gary) Galloway, Abbie, Christine, and Bradley, son Daniel (Kim), Beth and son Peter, Samuel, Jesse, Chloe, and Ben.

Please join Carol's family for a celebration of her life at 2 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 25, 2010 at the United Methodist Church in Pickford. Please dress casual and joyful — a Hawaiian shirt, fuschia, or white shirt would be in order!

Pastor Paul Gruenberg will share a few thoughts and son, Peter, will provide a eulogy of celebration. We will share photos of joyous times and wrap up with a social hour and a light luncheon. Come prepared to share your fond memories with her children and grandchildren.

Carol has gone to be with her lord, she did not want anyone looking at her after she passed, her remains will be laid, by the family, in Cottle Cemetery next to Keith.

Memorials may be made to Northwoods Christian Camp scholarship fund (Pickford, Michigan).