



Carolyn Marie Gardin

February 22, 1943 - August 9, 2020

Carolyn M. Gardin, 77, of North Judson went home to be with the Lord on August 9, 2020, after a long battle with cancer.

Carolyn was born in Manito, Illinois on February 22, 1943, the seventh of ten children born to Herbert I. Schappaugh and Frances E. Sanmann Schappaugh. On April 4, 1964 she married the love of her life, Guy A. Gardin. The couple was blessed with four children.

Carolyn loved to sing, and she filled her home with music, harmonizing in her rich alto with any song she heard. As a student at Forman High School in Manito, she lettered in choir. Following her high school graduation, Carolyn attended and graduated from secretarial school in Omaha, NE, then began her secretarial career at Santa Fe Railroad. After her marriage, she worked for 37 years as the church secretary at St. Peter Lutheran Church in North Judson before retiring.

Although she was raised in a small town, Carolyn had the courage and determination to move all by herself to Chicago, IL to work as a messenger for Santa Fe Railroad. When she arrived in Chicago she stayed briefly at the YWCA, where she met Edie Wickizer and Bev Redlin from North Judson. The three women rented an apartment together, and Edie and Bev introduced Carolyn to a tall, redheaded Swede named Guy. They fell in love, married, and

started their family.

Carolyn enjoyed the friendships she cultivated in her Women's Bible Study groups, St. Peter Lutheran Choir, and Artisans Club. She was an excellent baker, and her fruit pies, homemade bread, and chicken pot pie were favorites of her family and friends. She so perfected her Swedish Pepparkakor Christmas cookies that she had to hide them and portion them out to make them last through the season. Carolyn also taught herself to sew, and she crafted many beautiful Halloween costumes and articles of clothing for her children. She prided herself on keeping a clean house that could welcome visitors at a moment's notice. Carolyn faced many trials in her life, which gave her the special ability to see other people's pain and to reach out to them with a deep level of compassion. She had the most wonderful, infectious laugh! When she got the giggles, everyone around her got the giggles.

Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Guy; her three daughters, Lori (Ted) White of North Judson, Lisa (Greg) Engel of Medaryville, and Lanette Gardin (Stephen Reif) of Valparaiso; her son Steven (Jan) Gardin of Wichita Falls, TX; her granddaughter, Samantha (Robb) Stephenson; her grandsons, Adam (Liz) Engel and Simon (Amanda) Engel; Thaddeus (Jessica) White and Jonas (Kacie) White; Marc (Andrea) Gardin, Thomas Gardin, and Jacob (BreeAnna) Gardin; and great-grandchildren, Henry, Lucy and Annabelle Engel and Charlotte Gardin. Also left to cherish her memory are her sister, Verla (Butch) Pannier of Topeka, IL, her brother, Paul (Suzie) Schappaugh of Havana, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 14 from 11:00 – 1:00 CST at St. Peter Lutheran Church in North Judson, IN. A funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm with Rev. Gary Wickert presiding. Christian burial will follow at San Pierre Public Cemetery in San Pierre, IN.

Cemetery Details

San Pierre Cemetery

San Pierre, IN 46374

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Saint Peter Lutheran Church
810 W Talmer Avenue
North Judson, IN 46366

Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ So Sorry for your lost. She will deeply be missed. Tina Nichols (Sanmann)



Tina Nichols (Sanmann) - August 12, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ My sympathies to Carolyns family. I have memories of gratitude for her help, kindness and friendship to a very young couple, Pastor John and Pat Poppe (Pat is my sister) around 1970. She helped my sister make a pin for me for Christmas that year. It was always special to me because this was our first Christmas without each other (we were very close). A simple memory but an example of Carolyn being kind and thoughtful. Gail Zey

Gail Zey - August 12, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Gardin.



August 12, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Gardin.*



August 12, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Dan and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to your entire family. We hope all the wonderful memories you have of Carolyn will give you peace and also joy during this difficult time.*
Mary and Dan Reynolds

Mary Dolezal-Reynolds - August 11, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *My condolences to Guy and the family. Carolyn was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by everyone. I have many memories of Carolyn going on field trips on the school buses etc. But the one that really was special to me was just before the new church was opened and she was working in the office and I was working in the school office. She called me on the phone and said to come to the church because she had the key to the new pipe organ. Well, we went up to the balcony and turned the organ on but what could we play? No music anywhere! So we each played something by ear. We never did get in trouble. God knew but now so does everyone else. Now she is in the Lord's choir singing and praising Him. God's blessings 🙏 to 🙏 all .*



Gaylon Liedtky Pastella - August 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM

KG

“ Kimberly A. Gadert purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carolyn Marie Gardin.



Kimberly A. Gadert - August 11, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JG

“ Joy Goolsby lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Marie Gardin



joy goolsby - August 11, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JG

“ I can remember walking with aunt Carolyn to the church next to their house she was so sweet and kind and I love her her Swedish meatballs and her white homemade bread she was a good cook Rest In Peace aunt Carolyn miss you and ❤️ forever in our hearts

joy goolsby - August 11, 2020 at 07:39 PM

MH

“ I have several memories of Aunt Carolyn, but my favorite one is of her blueberry pie! She made the best blueberry pie. We would pick the berries and she would transform them! It was magical.

Melissa Hayden-Robles - August 11, 2020 at 07:12 PM