



CAROL MARIE WALHOVD

April 12, 1935 - September 11, 2018

Carol Marie Arlene Walhovd was born on 4/12/1935 in Mt. Carroll, Il in Carroll County, on Carroll Street, thus she was named Carol by her parent's John Lawrence and Marie Audrey Heisler.

Before moving to Brownsville, MN in 1939, her family lived in Savannah, Il and Frontenac, MN.

Carol went to Brownsville Elementary school and she graduated from Loretto Catholic High School, Caledonia, MN with the class of 1953.

Carol went on from high school to become a cosmetologist at the La Crosse School of Cosmetology.

Her first job was at the Hollywood Beauty Salon in La Crosse, WI.

She married Ralph Arnold Palen from Caledonia, MN on July 31, 1954 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brownsville, MN. Carol and Ralph resided in Caledonia, MN.

They had two children Gary and Susan. Ralph was killed in a logging accident in 1957.

On August 8, 1959 Carol married Robert Lester Walhovd of Birchwood, WI at St. John's Catholic Church in Birchwood, WI. They had two children Gerald and Pamela. Their family resided in Birchwood, WI and Richland Center, WI where she worked as a hairdresser. In 1962 Carol and Bob moved back to Brownsville, MN and she worked in La Crescent.

Carol went back to school in 1965 to get her owner/operator license. Her husband and father remodeled a garage next to their home, into a hair salon. Carol named her new business "The Beauty Shoppe" and worked there for 38 yrs. while raising her family. The Beauty Shoppe sponsored the first women's softball team in Brownsville and she always had a unique entry in the Brownsville Days parade.

After living in Brownsville most of her life and becoming close to the people, Carol decided to write a book called *The Brownsville Story* that covered 150 years of Brownsville history. With the help of Fern Heiller the book was published in 1976 and reprinted in 1999 with 8 additional pages added. Carol always said there was no place friendlier or more beautifully located than Brownsville.

Carol also wrote the book entitled *The John and Marie Heisler Family Tree*. This book was a gift of love for her entire family, filled with stories and pictures of her extended family.

She also was a contributing writer of the *Big Apple News Column* for the *Caledonia Argus*. These writings displayed her ability to be an author, historian and a storyteller.

Carol was a very active member of St. Patrick's Parish where she taught CCD, founded the "Girl's Club", was president of the Rosary Society, choir director, organist and was on several committees. Her catholic faith was a huge part of who Carol was and how she lived her life.

Carol enjoyed traveling, she visited Alaska, Washington DC, Italy, Venice, Island of Capri, Canada, Hawaii and Mexico. Although her favorite traveling was when the destination brought her to visit relatives. Many trips to White Earth were made, Carol was extremely proud of her Native American (Ojibway) heritage. She was invited by various schools to teach and speak on wild ricing and passed on stories her mother and father had told her. Carol's most memorable trip was to Rome, where she met Pope John Paul II and shook his hand. A chance of a lifetime for her.

While raising her family, her door was always open to others. Several family and friends lived at her house for various lengths of time and were able to experience her generosity and care taking. Carol had a natural gift for serving others and showed that by taking care of her parents in their aging years. She also reached out to many other people in compassionate ways, like being a Semcac driver and driving people to doctor appointments.

Carol was most known for her ability to have fun anywhere. Her wit and spontaneity made her fun to be around and her laughter was contagious. She loved learning new things like starting piano lessons in her fifties. She was an idea person, a problem solver and always thought out of the box. This often was the reason, that many people had a "Carol" story or stories to tell. Carol lived life to its fullest, every day was an adventure.

Carol was very supportive and loving to her children, she also encouraged and challenged them. Later she included her grandchildren in this, by going great distances to see a performance or celebrate a birthday. When Great-Grandchildren came, Carol continued the circle of love to them as well.

Carol is survived by her husband: Robert Walhovd, children: Susan(Palen) & Gary Reihl, Gerald Walhovd, Pamela Walhovd. Grandchildren: Seth Palen, Alesia (Adam) Hofschulte, Aaron (Christa) Reihl, Anthony Reihl, Natalie Stone, Anastasia Walhovd, Roslyn (Jordan) Walhovd. Great-Grandchildren: Aiden and Arya Hofschulte, Harrison Reihl and Baby Reihl due in January.

Carol was preceded in death by: son Gary Palen, husband Ralph Palen, parents, John & Marie Heisler, brothers: Chuck Heisler, Gerald Heisler, Allison Heisler, sister: Nancy (Heisler) Warren.

The family would like to thank Caledonia Care and Rehab, Caledonia, MN and Dr. Peter Franta for their loving care and service of Carol.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Saturday, September 22, 2018, at 11:30 am, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brownsville. Fr. Greg Havel and Fr. Paul Breza will concelebrate. A rosary will be from 8:30 am - 9:00 am, Visitation will be from 9:00 am- 11:15 am. at the church.

Luncheon will follow immediately after mass.

Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brownsville

Events

SEP **Service** 08:30AM - 11:15AM

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SEP **Visitation** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Thinking of Pam during this time....

Dave & Wilma Schoh - September 24, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of CAROL MARIE WALHOVD.



September 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ The Casey Family-Chris, Sandy, Matt & Lauren purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of CAROL MARIE WALHOVD.



The Casey Family-Chris, Sandy, Matt & Lauren - September 20, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ Jordan Casey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of CAROL MARIE WALHOVD.



Jordan Casey - September 20, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ Carol made me smile every time I saw her at the Nursing Home. We would talk about fishing, my garden, and smoking meat. She always would listen to my fish stories. I looked for every time I went to visit my own Mom...she made the visits that much nicer.

I can't thank her family enough for the joy and stories she has shared with me over the past year. Her loss -- though so much more to all of you -- is deeply felt by me, as well.

The next time I have pickled pigs feet or smoked carp, the first bite will be with my eyes closed...I will be thinking of Carol.

--John Graf

John Adams-Graf - September 19, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ Carol and I spent many a morning and afternoon sharing each others company. She looked after me when I was a youngster, when my Dad, Sam Nelson, was in need of a neighbor to care for me while he was at work. I still remember the first day yet, when I was real young, that Carol had told me she wanted to take over Jackie Witt's place as my friend, who looked after me before or after school. Susan was over and it will always stick with me, that we connected for the very first time. That day would turn out to be a very deep bond that fulfilled a lot of love and family. My own mother passed away when I was a baby, so Carol filled in the role, and really was the best influence I could have had. She taught religion, and stood by me at First Communion and my Confirmation. We would pal around to many places, and have special trips, White Earth and Wisconsin Dells or Winona, where she volunteered at the Polish Museum. Fun was always the first thing on her mind, and she would share all she could with me. I took up a lot of her time, and would take up more if I had the chance. I had the opportunity to share many meals and tea party's with her and her grandchildren. Cartoons, and tv shows like I Dream of Jeannie are still in my memory time capsule with her, and so much fun to live again at her and Bob's house. Thank you to Carol and her family for loving me, and taking the time to know me. I will miss games and haircuts, mass, and the news from over at her house. Thanks for being my best friend Kayo. Laughing that I know you are my star, crying that it'll be some time before we can be together to live it again. Oh and did we live it up girlfriend. I love you, Kurty

Kurt Nelson - September 19, 2018 at 02:11 AM



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Kurt Nelson - September 19, 2018 at 01:26 AM



“ What can I say about Carol.... I wouldn't know where to begin other than she has been and will continue to be a legend in Brownsville! I have admired her since I was a little girl; going to her shop to get my first perm and having her do manicures. And then, always staying up late to listen to the ladies of "Big Apple" playing cards on Thursday evenings. Her and Aunt Kathy had a way of winning, hmmm. She was a trendsetter and a person who believed in everyone being treated respectfully and equally. And the stories, oh the stories, that were told of all the antics throughout the years. I truly believe she should have written about specifically about that as I think people do not believe it when you say it out loud;) May you shine down on us each and every day! Love you Carol! My thoughts and prayers are going out to the entire family!!

Nicki Ranzenberger - September 18, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of CAROL MARIE WALHOVD.



September 18, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ Aunt Kayo made this wonderful book for my mom and dad, Nancy and Russell Warren, for their 25th wedding anniversary. As she gave it to them she told how she had saved photos over all the years of their marriage and here they are all in this beautiful photo album. Well, they weren't photos of our family-haha-they were pictures she had taken out of magazines like National Geographic so there were pictures of families of monkeys, natives in all sorts of activity, etcetera!! She'd written a very nice story of our lives and each time Mom and Dad had another baby there would be a picture of a mother monkey holding the baby monkey, everyone was named , it was so funny!! And whenever she would depict a visit from herself there would be this beautiful woman and the caption "Carol comes to town" or "Carol comes for a visit"!! She even managed to include my dad's softball team in the album.. it was hilarious!!

I loved her sense of humor and antics. Once at a family gathering in Lake City we got a game of Pictionary going. Aunt Kayo's team was killing it. They'd guess that word so fast, we all couldn't believe it. Come to find out she was writing the answer down while drawing the picture!! Always up to something :)

I love you, Aunt Kayo!! You're a lovely, loving, faith filled person. We will miss you. Keeping you all, Uncle Bob, Susan, Jerry, Pam and families in our thoughts and prayers.

Love you,

Jeanita and John Alfonso

Jeanita Alfonso - September 17, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of CAROL MARIE WALHOVD.



September 17, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Oh my goodness...where do I start??!! I just loved Carol!! She was a great friend and hairdresser, always full of fun, news, and ideas!!! We send our love and sympathy to her family. Etta and Marv Miller (Springville, IA and Harlingen, TX)

Etta Miller - September 17, 2018 at 12:42 PM