



Velma Esther Carley

November 1, 1923 - October 24, 2019

Velma Esther Carley, 95, of Watseka died on October 24, 2019, at Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth. She was born on November 1, 1923, in Ash Grove Township, Iroquois County, the daughter of Walter and Emilie (Hopman) Scheiwe. She was baptized on November 18, 1923, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Woodworth by the Rev. F.A.C. Meyer. Her childhood was spent in the rural Milford area. She was confirmed in the faith by Rev. N. Heimsoth on April 10, 1938. She attended grade school at St. Paul Parochial School and graduated from Crescent-Iroquois High School.

Velma married Allen J. Carley on December 25, 1941. They were blessed with 77 years of marriage, and he survives. Also surviving are two sons, Allen Leon (Janet) Carley of Beloit, WI and Kenton (Lisa) Carley of rural Milford; two daughters, Bonita Rajala of Watseka and Virginia (Bob) Buhr of rural Milford; one daughter-in-law, Verla Carley; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; one sister, Marian Taden of Danforth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Russell Carley; one daughter-in-law, Sharon Carley; one son-in-law, Bruce Rajala; two grandsons, Jeff Buhr and Scott Carley; and one sister, Mildred Brutlag.

Velma was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Crescent City where she was active in the Women of the Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and baking, gardening, sewing, garage sales, and jigsaw puzzles. She was fondly referred to as “the Cookie Grandma” because of the many chocolate chip cookies she baked over the years.

Visitation will be from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at the Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka as well as one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday at church.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Crescent City with Pastor Joel Brown officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Crescent City.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, St. Peter Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

Please share a memory of Velma at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

Crescent City, IL, 60928

Events

OCT Visitation 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Knapp Funeral Home - Watseka

219 South 4th Street, Watseka, IL, US, 60970

OCT Funeral Service 11:00AM

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St. Peter Lutheran Church

Crescent City, IL, US, 60928

Comments



“ Kevin W. Diener lit a candle in memory of Velma Esther Carley



Kevin W. Diener - October 28 at 01:00 PM



“ Cathy and Lyonel Leonard send our condolences upon the passed of Mrs Carley 55 years ago I went went to school with her children. Our thoughts and prayers with the family

Cathy and Lyonel Leonard - October 28 at 11:10 AM



“ Bonnie and family,
Sincere sympathies and prayers for your comfort at your mothers passing. Know the many years have passed us by, but fondly remember our years at LGH together. Can it really have been that long ago? We still live within 4 blocks of that wonderful institution and cherish those memories. Wanted to express our sympathies to you and all your family on Velma's passing. What a legacy and thankful you had her in your life for so many years. God bless you all.
Linda(Goldenstein) and Russ Raymond
2222 N .Western Ave
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Linda Raymond - October 26 at 09:31 AM



“ There is truly only a few words I would use in memory of Velma.. “What a Lovely kind person”, and that she “Loved the Lord”!
May we celebrate her life and always share her stories and who she was and what she meant to the Carley family for the generations to follow. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Lori Hickman - October 25 at 05:41 PM



“ I cannot put into words how saddened I was to see Velma's obituary. She was such a wonderful, truly classy lady! I enjoyed the few times I got to talk with her, including several times at the 50th Anniversary celebrations hosted by the Iroquois County Historical Society. They got to the point where they passed on being the oldest married couple to let another couple have the honors. My heartfelt condolences and sincere sympathy to all of her family on their loss. What a lifetime of memories she gave each of you!

Kim Williamson-Rabe - October 25 at 04:14 PM