



Carolyn Anna Kothmann

January 6, 2015

Carolyn Anna Volkmann was born during a blizzard on January 10, 1933, just west of Kokomo, Indiana, at her maternal grandparents' farm while her parents were there visiting for the Christmas holidays. She was greeted by her older sister, LaVerne, and loved by her parents, Fritz and Valeria Hartman Volkmann. She was baptized at the family church outside of Kokomo on January 29, 1933.

Carolyn grew up on the family ranch just east of Menard, Texas, and welcomed a baby sister, Janelle, to the family. As a young girl, she helped her father on the ranch working stock and mixing feed and helped her mother by tending the garden. She traveled with her family to visit her grandparents in Indiana each year for Christmas or summer vacation. The cousins would often take lemonade to the field workers, driving a horse and buggy. On one occasion when she was allowed to drive, Carolyn turned the buggy over and never asked to drive it again.

Carolyn attended Menard schools, playing the flute and marching as a twirler in the Menard High School Band. She was a member of the track team that won the Bluebonnet Relays in San Angelo in 1948. Carolyn married her high school sweetheart, O. C. Kothmann, on September 12, 1948, and had two sons: Stanley (Rocky), September 2, 1949, and Benny, September 25, 1950.

On July 19, 1957, Carolyn married the love of her life, Carl Kothmann. They honeymooned at the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming and visited Carl's sister, Gail, and her husband, Pehr Anderson, in Montana. A daughter, Dora, was born on October 24, 1958.

Carolyn raised her children in Menard and was very active in their school, sports events, and 4-H activities. She was confirmed as a member of Grace Lutheran Church on May 25, 1947 and was the treasurer for many years, a job she inherited from her father. She was the ultimate rancher's wife and bookkeeper.

As her children got married and grandchildren were born, she loved each addition to the family. She was always quick to tell a story, provide a favorite food, and forgive the faults of her grandchildren. As a most thoughtful hostess, she loved cooking for her family and could put a great meal together. Her family was extremely important to her. She devoted herself to helping care for her mother in her mother's final years.

Carolyn passed away from her earthly life to be joined with her Savior in Heaven on January 6, 2015, just four days before her 82nd birthday. Family visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, January 9, 2014 from 5p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services for her will be held on her birthday, Saturday, January 10, 2015, at Grace Lutheran Church with burial at Rest Haven Cemetery in Menard, Texas.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Fritz and Valeria Volkmann, a sister-in-law, Jane Kothmann Malory, and brother-in-law, Pehr Anderson.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Carl, of Menard, her children Rocky and Margaret Kothmann of Kerrville, and Benny and Cordelia Kothmann and Dora and Jim Wright, all of Menard. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Kimberly Kothmann and Dallas Orr of Fort Worth; Conrad, Becky, Carson, and Brooks Kothmann of Bandera; Valera, Brandon, Cade, and Claire Corbin of Wylie; and Curtis, Dandy and Wesley Kothmann, Aaron Kothmann, Kathy, Paul, Roy, and Daphne Mews, and Willy, Jessica, Makenzie, and Kallan Wright, all of Menard.

She will be greatly missed by her sisters, Janelle Yates of Menard and Laverne and husband Awbrey Kothmann of London, her sister-in-law Gail Anderson Leadbetter of Scottsdale, Arizona, her brother-in-law Lou Malory of Lake Arrowhead, California, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in Carolyn's memory would be greatly appreciated and can be made to a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Stan my friend, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Based on her son I know she had to be a special woman. May the good Lord watch over you and your family at this difficult time. Celebrate her life and hold onto your memories. God bless you my friend.

Jim Finfinger - January 11, 2015 at 08:19 PM



“ We are so sorry by the loss of this beautiful Lady. Our thoughts And prayers are with all of the Family at this time. .

Chester & Ola Low - January 10, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time, and we are sorry that we are unable to attend the services for Carolyn and visit about old times.

David & Glenda de Luna, Natha Caldwell - January 09, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ To the entire family of Carolyn:
Our thoughts & prayers are with each & everyone of you during this sad time. Look upon this knowing the Dear Lord is now taking over and in his hands all things are perfect and she is where she would want to be after her job here on earth has been done.
Now the job of her family is to stay strong, loving each other & to cherish her memory.
The Geistweidt's
Sammy, Raynette Brentt
& Tarra & Chris

Sammy & Raynette Geistweidt - January 08, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, but glad to think of Carolyn in heaven. She was a hard-working, straight talking, gracious lady who was a true treasure to her family and her community. I always had the greatest respect for her, and was proud to call her my friend. God bless you all in this time of loss.

Sally Callan - January 08, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ Our hearts & prayers are with all those who loved Carolyn. She was a classy lady, loved by everyone who knew her. She will be missed. May God be with her family & loved ones.

Jack & JoCarolyn McCain - January 07, 2015 at 05:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless, Stubby and Lindsay Stockton

Stubby & Lindsay Stockton - January 07, 2015 at 04:48 PM