



Carol Dorothy Berquist

April 22, 1938 - January 17, 2026

Carol Dorothy Berquist, 87, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 17. We are confident she is enjoying a glorious reunion in Heaven with her beloved husband, Don, who passed away in 2002. She was also preceded in death by her dear sister, Donna, along with many relatives and friends.

Carol is survived by her son, Tom (Barb) Berquist; daughter, Keri (Thor) Olufson; brother, Larry (Kitty) Hinrichs; and their families. She was a wonderful mother of faith and love and always strived to pass that on to her family. She prayed faithfully for her grandchildren: John (Emma) Berquist, Ellie (Jordan) Fulton, Daniel (Katie) Olufson, and Joe (Siera) Olufson. She adored them all. Carol also prayed for her great-granddaughters-Lucy, Zoey, Halle, Winnie, Ina, Phoebe, and Cleo-and her great-grandson, Cooper. GG loved them all so much!

Carol was beautiful, inside and out. She was a proud and devoted homemaker, a talented seamstress, master gardener, gourmet cook, and had a heart of gold for her precious dogs and birds. She also loved her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Special thanks to the caring staff at Lyngblomsten Lino Lakes, where she resided since June 2025, and to the Allina Hospice staff. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Living Faith Church in Circle Pines, followed by a light lunch and gathering at the church. Carol was interred on January 22 at Epiphany Cemetery in Coon Rapids.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made in her honor to Cities Cop Church, which ministers to first responders and their families, or to the Lyngblomsten Foundation.

We will deeply miss the physical presence of our beautiful prayer warrior but rejoice in knowing she is Surrounded by Glory. We Can Only Imagine!

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23)

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol Dorothy Berquist.*



February 11 at 05:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Dorothy Berquist.

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“ Dear Carol,

Our memories go back to when we met at Grade School and then it was High School, Basketball, Football, Band and Hockey games. You always reminded me that my Dad took you to your first hockey game. We always managed to get away at noon for some ice cream.

We came back together when our Husbands passed away and that started over twenty years of e-mailing each other every day to see how we were doing. You loved to hear about my deer drinking out of the bird bath and the bear walking through the woods. You would tell me about all your beautiful birds. You were a real nature lover. You were a great Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

You will be a big loss in my life, but I know you are now with Don telling him all about what's been going on.

Love, Cookie

Cookie - January 26 at 10:56 AM

“ My Tribute to Carol Berquist:

I will miss Carol, my lifelong friend. We met in the early fifties, and continued our friendship until her last day on earth. Carol was a golden friend and we have over 70 years of memories. Not many people have the opportunity to be blessed with a forever friendship like I had with this incredible woman, Carol Berquist.

Carol was a caring, empathic Mom and loved Keri and Tomm with all her heart and soul. As time moved on, that same love was shared with her grandchildren, too.

I think of Carol snowmobiling and trips we did together. I remember her beloved pets like Caesar, and how dogs became a family member to her. Carol would call me and we kept in touch as best we could. Even when we hadn't seen each other for a while, we could pick up where we left off. So lucky to have this friend who sent me lovely Christmas baskets, checked on me when I was sad and celebrated with me in good times.

We both lost our husbands too early and consoled each other as we learned to move forward in the new normal without them. Family meant a lot to her.

She was a classy, beautiful, well dressed and articulate woman. Her taste was impeccable and she was never short of words or generosity. People liked her because she was clever, nice, and a good friend to many.

There are so many fond memories of adventures from Fallon to Wood Lake, to Trade River, to neighbors at Buchanan Street in Blaine and later to her home at Majestic Oaks.

The sad part is none of us know how many days we will be on earth or how difficult the end of the journey will be. However, let's take this opportunity to look at the sunshine and not darkness. We all need to live our best life when we can. Tell people we love them when we

have the opportunity. Live, laugh, love, cherish and appreciate all our gifts.

To me, one of the greatest gifts of life is friendship and I have been blessed to receive that from Carol. God bless her and may she dance in heaven with Don and say hello to my husband, Clayton, while you're at it.

We will meet again.

Love,

Ev Hogie

Evelyn Hogie - January 23 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies to Keri and Tomm along with all your families. I grew up in WI where Don lived and my dad “Lloyd Erickson“*
Thought he was a great guy and that he picked a sweet wife. Picking Valentine’s Day for her memorial defines the kind of mother & loving friend she was. Whenever I was in Mpls in the last 30 years, she made time for seeing me. God Bless You All.
Love, Gwen & Bob Bell

Gwen (Erickson) Bell - January 22 at 12:52 PM