



## Carol Beatrice Cramer

February 22, 1923 - September 20, 2024

Carol Beatrice Cramer, age 101 ½, longtime resident of Aberdeen, SD and for the past 25 years of Maple Grove, MN, died peacefully September 20 at Waterford Manor in Brooklyn Park, MN.

She was born February 22, 1923 near Millersburg, Indiana and moved to a farm south of Conde, SD in 1929 with her parents when she was six years old.

She attended the one-room Miles Country School and graduated from Conde High School in Conde, SD. She attended Presentation School of Nursing in Aberdeen, SD, where she graduated in 1945 as a Registered Nurse. She worked in a doctor's office in Aberdeen and then she was the school nurse at Northern State University for 18 years. Later, she worked in physical and occupational therapy at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

She married Harry John Cramer on February 10, 1946. Harry was born October 9, 1918 to Fred and Hilda (Larson) Pearson.

Carol is survived by three children - son James (Corinne) Cramer, daughters Joan (Marshall Vink) Cramer, and Lyn Cramer; five grandchildren - Ryan (Karen) Cramer, Austin (Cary) Cramer, Jason (Angelica) Kraus, Adam (Melissa Freimark) Vink, and Ryan (Alyssa) Vink; and six great grandchildren - Hanna Cramer, Karena Cramer, Lucas Kraus, Owen Vink, Rhys Vink, and

Brooke Vink.

She is preceded in death by brother Miles Perry (age 23 days), husband Harry John Cramer (age 60), great-granddaughter Brooklyn Bonnita Kraus (age 16 days) and son-in-law Dwight Buck Cramer (age 73).

Carol's interests included gardening, sewing and creative needlework, and genealogy. Her greatest love was her family and being a big help to everyone around her. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, hard work, and positivity.

When Carol was the school nurse at Northern State University, she was a campus "mom" to countless students. Rev. Ron Prasek, NSU graduate and former pastor at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, said that the challenges we face require courage and "I learned valuable leadership lessons from Carol Cramer when I was a student at NSU. She taught a mindset that included mental health and about pushing through and getting things done."

The Cramer family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice and the memory care team at Waterford Manor.

Memorials preferred to Camp Lebanon ( <https://camplebanon.org/donate/> ) where she loved to go on quilting retreats with her daughters Joan and Lyn and daughter-in-law Corinne. In addition, the family is supporting the Cramer Center for Design and Innovation at the Williams Library at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Funeral services are being held on Monday, October 28 at 11:00 at Washburn McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN. 763-767-1000. Visitation will be at 10:00.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Chapel Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Salsa Sisters purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Carol Beatrice Cramer.*



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**Salsa Sisters** - October 25, 2024 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Salsa Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Beatrice Cramer.*

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“ *Mrs. Cramer was the Girl Scout leader for several of our elementary schoolmates. I loved going to the Cramer home, singing and following the Girl Scout manual, reporting progress of our weekly chores and help to our families. She was a role model to look up to as a homemaker and full time school nurse. Rest in peace Mrs. Cramer*

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**Lana Langager Nelson** - October 13, 2024 at 08:59 PM