



Carol Lee Zaruba (nee Bjork)

March 6, 1944 - August 4, 2016

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on August 4, 2016. Carol's inner strength was never more apparent than as she courageously fought lung cancer for 7 months. She was born March 6, 1944 in Albert City, IA. She graduated high school in 1962 and went on to complete her nursing degree from Abbott Northwestern. She dedicated 43 years of her life serving others working various nursing positions. She retired in 2008 after 18 years of working with the Red Cross. Carol was devoted to her family and friends. She had a warm smile and gentle heart that accepted all those around her. She enjoyed being involved in her Grandkids' lives, attending sporting events, graduations, birthdays and just being there for everyday moments. She loved her long weekends up north at her camper surrounded by friends. She was always ready for puzzles, Yahtzee, gardening, swimming, taking in nature and playing games. Carol is survived by her daughter Jody (Scott) Renneke, Lino Lakes, MN and their children Hannah and Andrew; son Brian (Julie) Zaruba, Green Bay, WI and their children Ian, Audrey and Aaron; siblings Clarice Shaw, Charles (Bev) Bjork, Roger (Ethel) Bjork, Corlys Gehling, Colleen (Dean) Struss, as well as many nieces, nephews & beloved friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Carl & Cora Bjork. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Monday, August 8 at WAVERLY GARDENS, 5919 Centerville Road, North Oaks (visitation begins at 10:00 AM). Interment Incarnation Cemetery, Lino lakes. Memorials preferred to Regions Cancer Care Center in St. Paul, MN.