



Merodie Carol Nielsen

February 2, 1945 - July 4, 2022

Merodie Carol Nielsen

Devoted mother & caregiver

Following a short battle with cancer, Merodie Carol Nielsen passed away peacefully while surrounded by her family on Monday, July 4th at the age of 77 years.

She was an avid reader, loved watching birds and was a person of great faith.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Paul; children, Heidi (Chris),

Scott (Amy), Heather (Frank), Ryan (Molly) and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation/Funeral Saturday, July 16th, 2022. Visitation at 1:00 pm, Funeral services at 2:00 pm at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony, MN 55418.

The funeral service can be viewed by live stream:

nativitychurch.org/worship/live-stream/.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's favorite charity.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nativity Lutheran Church
3312 Silver Lake Road
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Memorial Service

JUL **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“My big sister, Merodie, honed her care giving abilities and temperament on me...her baby brother. When I was a baby/toddler, I shared a room with her, and I clearly remember times that she would come to my bedside to comfort me when I was scared. She would bravely throw that “monster under my bed” into the wastebasket.

Merodie’s caring and concern for me continued throughout my life. I actually stayed in her home on the campus of the U of M while I was in college, and she often gave me solid advice about life, and encouraged me in my Christian walk. I lived there during the time Heidi was born and while Paul was in the service.

We grew up in the loving Christian home of Myrtle and Stanley Olson and attended First Evangelical Free church. Merodie accepted Jesus as her Savior as a young person and enjoyed attending Pioneer Girls camp and being on staff at Camp Shamineau. During these past couple of years, Merodie, Ross and I have enjoyed taking day trips to St. Croix State Park to “relive” memories of Pioneer Girls camp and other family adventures. It was very therapeutic for us.

Merodie inherited many of Mom Olson’s qualities: being focused, caring, nurturing, active, and, as Ross said, “unflappable.” Our mom wasn’t a complainer, and neither was Merodie. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to take her to some of her doctor appointments during the past few months and see the empathetic care she received.

It’s hard to believe my favorite sister is actually gone, and I will not receive any more of her phone calls or texts. Knowing that she is with her Lord and that I will see her again is a comfort. I was told that she requested that Psalm 102 be read to her at the end of her life. Verses 11 & 12 read, “My days are like an evening shadow that stretches out and declines..., I am withered like grass..., But you, Oh Lord, are enthroned forever, and the fame of your name endures

forever.”

I will miss you, my sister! Love Bryan

Bryan Olson - July 16, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Merodie Carol Nielsen.*



July 15, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *I remember Merodie as unflappable. That makes sense since she grew up with three brothers. When we got together with the Wickman cousins, interesting things happened -- Torrey was the main instigator but I, Ross, added my share. In Tacoma, the boys, Torrey, Doug, and I (Bryan and Tim might have been too young) arranged a bell to be strung through the ventilation system to the girls' room -- Merodie and Julie -- to be rung at 2 am. The girls retaliated by removing the doorknob to the boys' bedroom. We counter-attacked by taking their doorknob. Eventually every doorknob in that large manse had been removed and everyone carried a doorknob in order to get around. Aunt Lillian later said that she was never sure that the knobs were back on the correct doors. When the cousins later came to Minneapolis, Torrey and I said we needed to top that one. Our plan was to remove every piece of furniture from the girls' room while they were out and hide everything in the attic. We anticipated screams and outcries. But when the girls came back, Merodie said not a word but led Julie to the attic. They found all the furniture and quietly restored it to its proper place.*

Ross - July 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Merodie Carol Nielsen.*



July 11, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Merodie Carol Nielsen.*



July 11, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merodie Carol Nielsen.*



July 10, 2022 at 01:14 PM