



Swanhild A. Carlson

November 15, 1928 - January 17, 2016

Swanhild Annette Hoidahl Carlson

Swannie Carlson, 87, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of Jan. 17, 2016.

She had suffered a stroke in April 2014.

Swannie was born in Stanley, WI on Nov. 15, 1928 to Harald and Swanhild (Rondestvedt) Hoidahl. Her mother died when she was four years old. She went to live with her Aunt Dagny and Uncle Gene Craddock and cousins Jeannette and Dorothy in St. Louis and Kirkwood, MO. She lived with them until college but was able to spend summers with her father, grandparents, and cousin Phyllis in Stanley.

She attended Kirkwood High School and, following family tradition, enrolled in St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She was proud of being an Ole. She graduated in 1950 with a double degree in Sociology and Psychology and was employed as a social worker in St. Louis. After graduation she traveled by ship to tour Europe. It was on this ship that she met her future husband, Ted Carlson. They married in September 1951 and moved to North Bend and then Corvallis where Ted worked at OSU. Together they raised three children: Ted Jr., Judy, and Eric.

Swannie was active at Grace Lutheran Church and OSU Folk Club. She was a long-time volunteer at the Thrift Shop and Good Samaritan Hospital. She enjoyed playing bridge and attending many high school and OSU sports events.

She and Ted traveled extensively on tours and cruises. Her trips to Norway to visit relatives were a highlight; she was extremely proud of her Norwegian heritage.

Swannie took great interest in people, especially her children and grandchildren and their activities. She was close to her cousins and loved her friends.

Swannie is survived by her husband Ted and her three children: Ted Jr. (Wendy), Judy (Duane) and Eric (Kari) as well as her eight grandchildren: Annette, Britt, Andrew, Siri, Neil, Camille, Evan and Paige.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.. Memorial donations in her name can be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st St, Corvallis, OR 97330 or St. Olaf College <http://wp.stolaf.edu/giving/memorial-and-honorary-gifts/> Please leave your thoughts and memories at <http://www.demosdurdan.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church
435 NW 21st St
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Ted -- I have fond memories of you and Swannie and of my younger years when I was at OSU and working in the News Bureau and with Journalism. And I was reminded, too, of the kindnesses shown to me when I went to Switzerland as a cultural student. My heart goes out to you in your loss of your lovely wife.



*My prayers are for you to gain peace over time.
Diane Frischknecht Merten*

Diane Frischknecht Merten - January 26, 2016 at 03:26 PM

JM

“ I was sorry to read of Swannie's passing. My parents Phil & Trudy Jacob and I knew the family through Grace Lutheran church for many many years. Swannie was a gracious, kind and good hearted person and she will be missed.

Our condolences to your family.

*Judy Jacob McCann
Glenn and Gary Jacob*

Judy Jacob McCann - January 22, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JC

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Judy Carlson - January 21, 2016 at 09:52 PM

GA

“ *The Arscotts, one and all, are certainly saddened with the news of Swannie's passing. Thank you Ted for your prompt email. We were longtime neighbors and friends of Swannie going back into the 1950s. We enjoyed our visits immensely and always look forward to them. She was always a most pleasant hostess. We will miss her smiling face. Please accept our sincere sympathy and condolences.*
Love, Betty, George , John, Janet, Bill & Phillip.

George H. Arscott - January 20, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Mrs. Carlson's death. She was a very nice person. My condolences to the family. —Tim Davenport, Corvallis*

Tim Davenport - January 20, 2016 at 03:11 PM

ES

Swannie was a wonderful and gracious woman. I had the pleasure of seeing your parents outside of Trader Joe's within the past year. Such great people ! They always made this PLU grad feel loved. Blessings to you and yours as you mourn her passing. In love, Elaine (Johnson) Schwartz

E Schwartz - January 21, 2016 at 09:41 AM

BK

Very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother and wife.. I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Carlson as our cub scout leader in the 60's. Bob Konick

Bob Konick - January 23, 2016 at 07:06 PM

PC

She was a gracious lady, and I remember well the many afternoons I spent in her home with Teddy and Kenny Ives after school. Swannie and Ted were awesome parents, and their children are testimony to that fact. A life well lived. Paul Cole

paul Cole - January 29, 2016 at 09:53 AM