

Betty Ann Carlson, age 76, of Spencer, Iowa, and formerly of Marathon, Iowa, died on Monday, October 20, 2014, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Betty Ann Newcomb, the daughter of Roy and Hazel (Howard) Newcomb, was born in Spencer, Iowa, on November 13, 1937. She lived her youth in the Spencer community and was a graduate of the Spencer High School. Betty continued her education at the LaJAMES Cosmetology College in Des Moines, Iowa.

On March 3, 1963, Betty was united in marriage to Irving Vernon Carlson at the Grace



Lutheran Church in Marathon and this union was blessed with two sons: Eugene and Jon. Following their marriage, they farmed near Marathon until moving into town in 1982. Flash had worked for Purlator Couriers for 20 years and also at Positech in Laurens. In addition to helping on the farm and being a devoted wife and mother, Betty had served as the church custodian, worked at the restaurant in Marathon, was a cook for the Laurens-Marathon Middle School, was an employee of the Marathon Post Office, and was the custodian for the Marathon Community Center.

Betty was a faithful member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Marathon. She enjoyed doing many kinds of handwork which included sewing, knitting, latch hook, and crocheting.

Betty's life will always be cherished and honored by her family which include her children: Eugene (Melissa) Carlson of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Jon Carlson of Meservey, Iowa; grandchildren: Natasha, Leah, Noah, Olivia, Sophia, Jonah, and Addisyn; brother, Bud Newcomb of Spencer, Iowa; sister, Faye Willet of Spencer, Iowa; nieces, nephews, other extended family and many friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Irving "Flash" Carlson on May 10, 2000; and siblings: Bob, Harlan, Marge, Leona, Arlene, and Mel.

Blessed be the memory of Betty Ann (Newcomb) Carlson.

In Loving Memory



Betty Ann Carlson

1937 — 2014

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;
From where shall my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to slip;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, He who keeps Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun will not smite you by day,
Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will protect you from all evil;
He will keep your soul.

The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in
From this time forth and forever.

—Psalm 121



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at church immediately following the burial.

— The Family of Betty Carlson

IN MEMORY OF Betty Ann Carlson

November 13, 1937 — October 20, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend John Mayer
Reverend Duane Olson

ORGANIST

Eloise Obman

DUET

Ken & Debbie Ehlers
“Peace In The Valley”
“On Eagle’s Wings”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Betty’s Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Brian Newcomb, Brent Newcomb, Bob Carlson
Frank Zech, Gary Carlson, Harlan Wallace

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery
Marathon, Iowa

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