



Bethel Carlson

June 5, 1927 - October 6, 2020

FAITHORN- Bethel June Carlson, age 93 of Faithorn, passed away peacefully at her home in Faithorn on October 6, 2020 surrounded by her family.

She was born in Faithorn, on June 5, 1927, the daughter of the late George and Grace (Salzeider) Reid and lived almost her entire life in Faithorn.

Bethel graduated from Norway High School in 1945 and attended Northern State Normal School in Marquette, Michigan for teacher training. She initially taught in a one room school house in Banat, Michigan, then was a substitute teacher in the area for a number of years. Later, Bethel was a Head Start teacher for the Dickinson-Iron County Intermediate School District for 13 years.

She married Stanley "Slip" Carlson at the Faithorn Methodist Church on December 28, 1948. They raised eight daughters, first in Vulcan, and then moved to a farm in Faithorn in 1963. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2018.

Bethel loved cooking, baking, gardening, canning and freezing the fruits and vegetables from their large garden on the beloved Carlson Farm. After retirement, they enjoyed traveling the U.S., making their last cross-country trip in 2015, visiting family and friends in Iowa, Arizona, California, and Wyoming.

She was an active member of the Faithorn United Methodist Church, and a fixture at the church harvest suppers and holiday church auctions. Bethel was an Honorary Life Member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a Life Member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Norway, MI.

Bethel's life was centered on caring for and loving her husband, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was the storybook grandmother, always with a baby or child on her lap, reading them a book, and a cookie jar full of home baked cookies. Bethel will be remembered as a beloved mother and mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who gave unconditional love to those around her and received much love in return.

Bethel is survived by her eight daughters: Amy (John) Brendemihl, Grace (David) Gorringer, Mary Beth Carlson, Nancy Carlson, Lorraine (Tony) King, Martha (Alan Yoshimura) Carlson, Dee Dee (Jim) Keller, and Trudy (Michael) Stachowiak, grandchildren and great grandchildren, sisters Lorraine Kelly and Norma Fernhaber, sister-in-law Vida Peters, and many dear nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Bethel was preceded in death by her sister Janice Reid Niemi, and brothers Douglas Reid and Laurence Reid.

Private family services will be held with interment at the Riverside Cemetery in Faithorn.

We are blessed for the gift of Bethel's life and the many years we shared with her.

Family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Faithorn United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Faithorn, MI 49892

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I've always been in awe of Bethel. Raising eight girls on a farm would be daunting to most people, not to mention working outside the home and belonging to church and community organizations as well. They don't make them like Bethel anymore! For me, personally, I remember the woman who always had room for one more in her home and her heart. I spent many a night at the farm, and was welcome with open arms by both her and Slip. And, surrounded by all those crazy Carlson girls. :) I loved it! I miss those times, and am sad knowing this kind, lovely lady is no longer with us. Lots of love to the Carlson Family, Joanne 'Ray' Costantino

Joanne Costantino - October 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bethel Carlson.



October 15, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ My condolences to Bethel's family.

Richard Carlson

Richard Carlson - October 12, 2020 at 09:30 PM

KR

“ Ingrid King and Karen Regester, sisters of Kristen Deacon, are so thankful for the wonderful afternoon we spent sitting on the lawn at the farm sharing stories and memories with Bethel and Skip only a few years ago. What a beautiful example of what marriage and family are all about!

KAREN REGESTER - October 10, 2020 at 10:28 AM

RL

“ I remember my mom (Shirley Pancheri), worked with Bethel for many years at Head Start. I volunteered many many hours over there with them. She was a wonderful woman. She has touched many lives throughout the years in her teaching. Prayers to the family during this time.

Roberta LaFave - October 09, 2020 at 07:13 PM

RS

“ Grace, David, and the rest of the Family, we are saddened by your loss because Your Mom was very special lady. We have met her on few occasions but most of her love we cherished eating her pickled beets. She did pickle beets but she always added love as one of the major ingredient. We still have one jar left of her creation and we will enjoy every ounce of it. Her life was not easy and raising a family with Skip was an adventure in itself. She believed God and her church was very important to her. Each year harvest suppers happened due to her and others involved. She will be missed and we pray that God will fill her void in Your lives.
Ruth, Marek, Alex, Misia and Nika

Ruth and Marek Szajner - October 09, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MB

Dearest Grace, to you and your family Roseanne and I extend our deepest condolences on the passing of your dear mother

Marita Boe - October 10, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CM

“ Craig And Jeanne Muncaster lit a candle in memory of Bethel Carlson



Craig and Jeanne Muncaster - October 08, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear about your dear Mother's death. We have so many good memories of Bethel for so many years. The coffee pot was always on and she was the best pie maker that we ever knew. The pies were a main event at my dad's camp during deer season!!! We will always remember stopping by the farm on a hot summer day in recent years. Both your mom and dad had been in the strawberry patch picking their strawberries and they invited us in for homemade strawberry shortcake. It was fabulous and their warm hospitality and lively conversation was even better. We miss them...God Bless Them both. Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco

Bob and Kitti Colassacco - October 08, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KL

“ So sorry about mom's passing and when I say mom that is what she was to Ken and I and grandmother to my boys as Slip was like a father. They will leave a huge void in all our lives. I could talk to her about anything and she was always there for me and our family. We had such wonderful times camping and on the houseboat in Canada. This world for us will never be the same but she had to go and I can hear Slip yelling " Ma get up here and cook me some potato pancakes as I miss you " Love to all you girls and the families and call on Ken or me for anything. Love you all very much as we did with your parents. It's a very sad day for us but it was time to let her join your dad. Prayers to all of you.

Ken and Bonnie LeGrave - October 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM

WY

“ So sorry to hear of Bethal's passing. What a great, down to earth person. Have great memories with our families growing up in the Mason's. She and Slip were always in the kitchen while we kids ran around. She had a long life and touched many along the way. Love to you all and so thankful to have known her. My Mom and Dad send there love and sympathy too. Wendy, Don and Shirlee Johnson

Wendy Yoder - October 08, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JH

“ JoAnne Pugh Helgren lit a candle in memory of Bethel Carlson



JoAnne Pugh Helgren - October 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a beautiful lady. She will surely be missed



Janet Tichenor - October 07, 2020 at 10:45 PM

PB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She will be so missed. Of course I have known this great lady since she was my kindergarten teacher. So many good memories. Love to all of you. Patt Bunt. Of course Bethel still called me Patsy

patt Bunt - October 07, 2020 at 10:44 PM

PA

“ Such a beautiful lady.. she truly will be missed! For many years I always knew Bethel would be at our auctions with a smile on her face! Our sympathies to all of you. Faithorn has lost a gem!!

Pete and Karen Anderla - October 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MJ

“ My Heart goes out to all of you. She was a wonderful woman and raised all you kids to be just as wonderful and beautiful as she was. God rest her soul. Hugs to all of you.

Michele Neville Johnston

Michele Johnston - October 07, 2020 at 08:21 PM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of Bethel Carlson*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - October 07, 2020 at 07:08 PM

CG

“ *So sorry to hear this very sad news. Your mother was such a sweet person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all your family.*
Matt and Carolyn Gregg

Carolyn A Gregg - October 07, 2020 at 06:54 PM

TS

“ *Tim and Roxanne and Lynn and Sheila purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bethel Carlson.*



Tim and Roxanne and Lynn and Sheila - October 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM