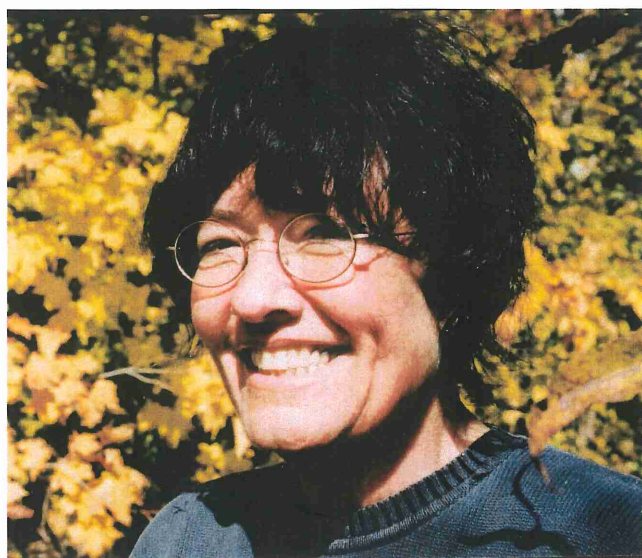
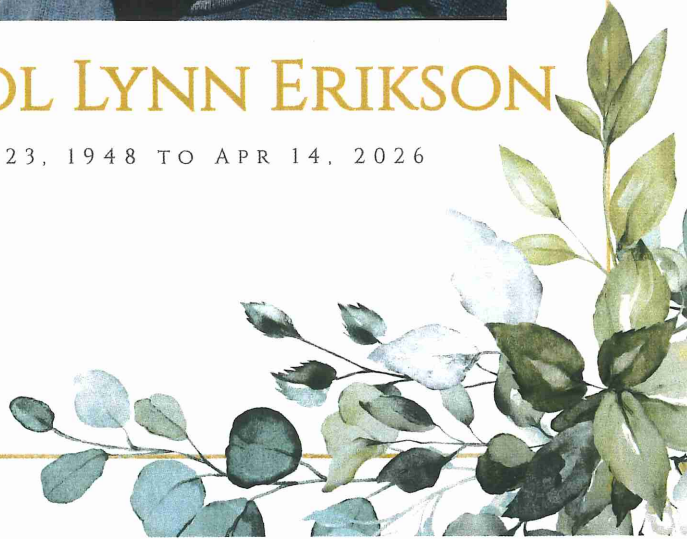


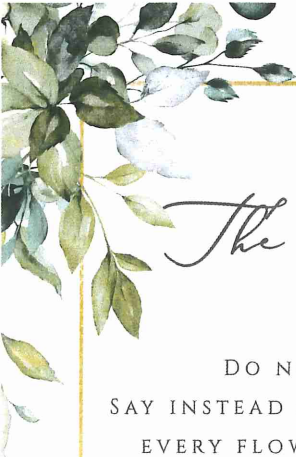
Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



CAROL LYNN ERIKSON

FEB 23, 1948 TO APR 14, 2026





The Gardener Calls

DO NOT SAY SHE HAS LEFT THE GARDEN.
SAY INSTEAD SHE HAS WALKED BEYOND ITS GATE, WHERE
EVERY FLOWER BLOOMS FOREVER IN GOD'S ETERNAL
SPRING.

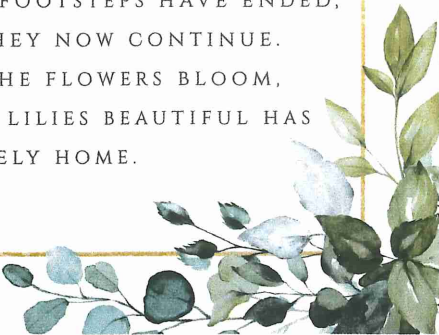
SHE LOVED THE QUIET BEAUTY OF GROWING THINGS,
FOR EVERY BLOSSOM REMINDED HER OF THE CREATOR'S
HAND.

SHE LOVED JESUS WITH A STEADFAST HEART,
AND TRUSTED HIM THROUGH EVERY SEASON OF LIFE.

SHE LOVED HER FAMILY DEEPLY,
AND, LIKE EVERY GARDEN, HER LIFE KNEW BOTH
SUNSHINE AND STORMS.

SHE LEARNED THAT NO SEED SOWN IN FAITH IS EVER
LOST,
AND THAT EVERY SEASON RESTS SAFELY IN GOD'S CARE.
WHEN LIFE BROUGHT RAIN, SHE SOUGHT HIS MERCY.
WHEN WINTER LINGERED, SHE BELIEVED CHRIST WOULD
BRING THE SPRING.

NOW THE DIVINE GARDENER HAS CALLED HER BY NAME,
AND WELCOMED HER INTO HIS EVERLASTING GARDEN.
THERE EVERY TEAR IS WIPED AWAY,
EVERY PROMISE IS FULFILLED IN HIS PRESENCE.
DO NOT LOOK ONLY WHERE HER FOOTSTEPS HAVE ENDED,
BUT TO THE LIGHT WHERE THEY NOW CONTINUE.
REMEMBER HER WHENEVER THE FLOWERS BLOOM,
FOR THE LORD WHO MADE THE LILIES BEAUTIFUL HAS
BROUGHT HER SAFELY HOME.



Order of Service

PRELUDE SONGS

GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN -
VINCE GILL

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE - MERCY ME
HIS MERCY IS MORE - SHANE & SHANE

WELCOME AND PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING - ANNA ERIKSON
MATTHEW 11:28-30 AND JOHN 14:1-6

MUSIC

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)
- CHRIS TOMLIN

SCRIPTURE READING - TYRA WENTWORTH
JOHN 5:24-29 AND LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

MESSAGE

PASTOR MARK RAKOW, GRACE CHURCH,
CHASKA

REMEMBRANCES

OPEN TO ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE A MEMORY OF CAROL, FOLLOWED
BY SON ERIK SHARING FINAL THOUGHTS.

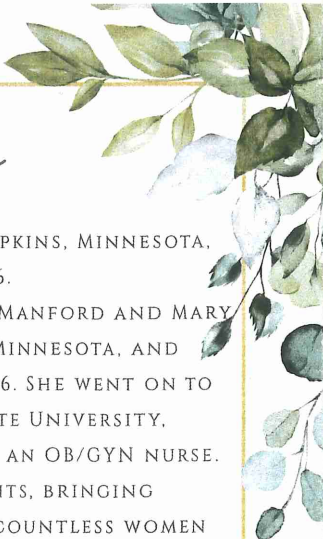
MUSIC

HOW GREAT THOU ART - ALAN JACKSON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GARDEN PARTY - RICKY NELSON



Obituary

CAROL LYNN ERIKSON (NÉE JOHNSON), 78, OF HOPKINS, MINNESOTA.

PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 14, 2026.

BORN ON FEBRUARY 23, 1948, IN MINNEAPOLIS, TO MANFORD AND MARY

JOHNSON, CAROL WAS RAISED IN PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA, AND GRADUATED FROM WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1966. SHE WENT ON TO EARN A NURSING DEGREE FROM WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY, BEGINNING A LONG AND MEANINGFUL CAREER AS AN OB/GYN NURSE.

SHE WAS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HER PATIENTS, BRINGING COMPASSION, STRENGTH, AND STEADY CARE TO COUNTLESS WOMEN AND FAMILIES DURING SOME OF LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT MOMENTS. CAROL'S LIFE WAS MARKED BY BOTH RESILIENCE AND COMPLEXITY. HER RELATIONSHIPS - WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND PARTNERS - WERE AT TIMES COMPLEX, YET THEY WERE ALWAYS GROUNDED IN A GENUINE LOVE FOR OTHERS AND A DEEP DESIRE FOR CONNECTION. SHE FACED LIFE'S CHALLENGES WITH DETERMINATION AND TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN RAISING HER CHILDREN THROUGH THOSE SEASONS.

SHE FOUND JOY IN GARDENING. WHETHER TENDING TO HER GARDEN PLOT OR PROPAGATING NEW PLANTS FROM CUTTINGS, SHE HAD A NATURAL GIFT FOR HELPING THINGS GROW.

AT HER CORE, CAROL LOVED JESUS, AND SHE SHARED THAT FAITH OPENLY WITH HER CHILDREN, LEAVING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY THAT ENDURES. HER FAMILY TAKES COMFORT IN KNOWING SHE IS NOW AT PEACE WITH HIM.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS, MANFORD AND MARY JOHNSON; HER SISTER, JOANNE MOSES; AND HER SON, KARL SCHMITZ.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIBLINGS, RON, SUE, AND BARB; HER CHILDREN, ERIK SCHMITZ (NORITA), TYRA WENTWORTH (JASON), ANNA ERIKSON, AND BJORN ERIKSON; HER THIRTEEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE IS PLANNED AT GEARTY-DELMORE IN PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA ON JULY 2 AT 3PM.

CAROL WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER STRENGTH, HER COMPASSION, AND HER ENDURING BELIEF IN GRACE AND REDEMPTION.

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Music

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE) - CHRIS TOMLIN

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND
THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND
WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR
AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED
HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED

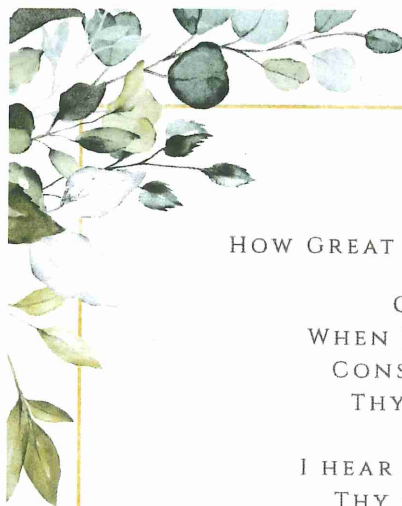
[CHORUS]

MY CHAINS ARE GONE, I'VE BEEN SET FREE
MY GOD, MY SAVIOR HAS RANSOMED ME
AND LIKE A FLOOD HIS MERCY REIGNS
UNENDING LOVE, AMAZING GRACE

THE LORD HAS PROMISED GOOD TO ME
HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES
HE WILL MY SHIELD AND PORTION BE
AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES

[CHORUS]

THE EARTH SHALL SOON DISSOLVE LIKE SNOW
THE SUN FORBEAR TO SHINE
BUT GOD WHO CALLED ME HERE BELOW
WILL BE FOREVER MINE
WILL BE FOREVER MINE
YOU ARE FOREVER MINE



HOW GREAT THOU ART - ALLAN JACKSON

OH LORD MY GOD
WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER
CONSIDER ALL THE WORKS
THY HANDS HAVE MADE
I SEE THE STARS
I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER
THY POWER THROUGHOUT
THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED

[CHORUS]

THEN SINGS MY SOUL
MY SAVIOUR, GOD, TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART
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THEN SINGS MY SOUL
MY SAVIOUR, GOD, TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART
HOW GREAT THOU ART

WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME
WITH SHOUTS OF ACCLAMATION
AND TAKE ME HOME
WHAT JOY SHALL FILL MY HEART
THEN I SHALL BOW
IN HUMBLE ADORATION
AND THERE PROCLAIM MY GOD
HOW GREAT THOU ART

[CHORUS]

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