



Caroline F. Hoagland

July 16, 1949 - December 15, 2021

Caroline Hoagland left her earthly dwelling on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, following years of medical challenges. She departed after being able to spend special time with each of her living siblings and daughters in her final days.

Caroline was born on July 16, 1949, in Richmond, MN to Gregor and Lorraine (Vornbrock) Thomes. She graduated from Eden Valley High School. On March 10, 1978, she married Ronald Hoagland and the two made their home in Cold Spring, MN for 40 years.

Caroline (Carol) was known for her giving heart. She took joy in finding Christmas gifts for everyone, including her mail carrier, garbage collector and newspaper deliverer. Her Christmas cards arrived right after Thanksgiving, and she prided herself in making sure they would be one of the first people received.

The way Caroline's giving heart shown most was through food. Her love for cooking and baking provided abundant blessings (and calories!) for her family and friends. There was never a small meal when guests came and her version of light snacks when hosting friends looked like a buffet; the food was amazing! Her years of cooking at restaurants certainly fine-tuned her gift. Caroline's kuchen bread was a staple at Thomes family gatherings; she

brought many loaves so everyone could fully enjoy.

Caroline loved deeply and made friends wherever she went; from neighbors to card clubs, "the Turtles," Red Hat Society ladies, golf league buddies and church friends, she was blessed with many special friendships.

Caroline had a special heart for kids and individuals with special needs. Her neighbor kids were subject to the same love (and supervision) as her own. As new families moved into the neighborhood, she quickly became a neighbor-grandma and loved those kids with all her heart. Caroline worked many years for ROCORI schools as a paraprofessional and had fierce passion for the kids she worked with. She was also a dedicated volunteer with Special Olympics and in children's ministries at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Cold Spring.

Caroline's most proud accomplishments were as a wife, mother and grandma. Hoagie was the love of her life, and they shared many special memories together. She loved her girls with all her heart. She taught them the value of family, modeled by her respect for her parents and mother-in-law and the dedication to purposeful gatherings with her siblings. Her grandkids lit up her world and she reveled in every moment spent with them. They will always remember her funny facial expressions and her hard-core spirit when playing cards.

Caroline lived for Christmas. Her Christmas village was an epic sight. Her love for singing was passed on as she led many Sunday School kids thru Christmas pageants, teaching them to use their voices in celebrating the birth of the Christ child. It is with no irony that she passed away just in time to celebrate this Christmas by singing "carols" with the angels, in a way that will make every prior year pale in comparison. What an amazing Christmas gift indeed.

She is survived by her daughters, Tanya (Lenny) Fraizer and Nicole Johnson; grandchildren, Ethan, Carly, Maya and Angela; siblings, MaryAnn (Donald) Dingmann, Diane (Merle) Eisert, Al (Judy) Thomes, Glen (Jan) Thomes, Marlyne (Lee) Molitor; sister-in-law, Lucy Thomes; brother-in-law, Eugene (Avis) Hoagland; sister-in-law, Bonnie Hoagland; dozens of nieces and nephews, including godson, Greg Thomes.

Caroline was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Hoagland (2017); infant daughter, Rochelle Hoagland; parents, Gregor and Lorraine (Vornbrock) Thomes; brother, Dennis Thomes; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clell and Hilda Hoagland; brother-in-law, Reinhard Hoagland; nephew and beloved godchild, Rick Dingmann; nephew, Gordon Hoagland; niece, Laurie Johnson, and great-nephew, Adam Sasse.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sauk Rapids. A Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. the morning of at the church.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery

4th St. S.
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
2163 Mayhew Lake Road
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Funeral Services

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caroline F. Hoagland*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Praying for your entire family during this time. As I think about your mom, a flood of memories have hit me the last few days. As a kid you don't realize that there is a entire village of people taking care of you and watching over you, but your mom was definitely a part of that village for our family. Today, as a parent myself, I know that a village of people is essential to raise kids, we can't do this alone. Your mom watched over us, fed us, loved us, scolded us, cut our hair (too short as a I recall one time!) and literally cleaned up after us - especially after that unfortunate incident on her white carpet - I still feel bad 30+ years later. And I still think I am going to see her beautiful Christmas tree in the window when I drive by. I will always remember her kindness and hospitality, she will be missed greatly. Love you! Annie (and the rest of the former circus performers next door!)*

Anneliese Peterson - December 18, 2021 at 12:16 AM

RS

“ *Caroline started bowling with the Turtles in the early 90's. We went on many excursions over the years everything from Bowling tournaments, shopping, theater shows, and just about any excuse we could come up with to get together. We played cards many a night into the wee hours. Carol was always there for me and was a true friend, filled with love and laughter. We all had so many good times together. Those were the days my friend.....*

Thank you for being a friend!!

Love ya,

Ronnie / Renate

Ronnie Schaefer - December 17, 2021 at 08:37 PM

RS

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Ronnie Schaefer - December 17, 2021 at 08:17 PM

RS

“ *Ronnie & Bill Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Caroline F. Hoagland*



Ronnie & Bill Schaefer - December 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

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“ *The Turtles lit a candle in memory of Caroline F. Hoagland*



The Turtles - December 17, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline F. Hoagland.*



December 17, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Caroline F. Hoagland.*



December 17, 2021 at 02:01 PM

DR

“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Caroline F. Hoagland*



david & barb rousslang - December 17, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Caroline F. Hoagland.*



December 16, 2021 at 09:13 PM