



Mrs. Carolyn M. Foster

May 27, 1938 - April 25, 2020

Carolyn passed away at home on Saturday, April 25, 2020, after a courageous fight with heart problems.

She was a devoted wife of 58 years to husband, Paul and a mother to Stewart (Pia) of Waterloo, Belgium and Mary (Dan) Schwietering of Cincinnati, OH. She was the dear sister of Betty (and the late Douglas) Noverr, and Shirley (John) VanDam and sister-in-law Patricia (and the late Roger) Parsons and grandmother to Nick, Anna, Ellen, Max, Carl, Frederik & Céline.

Carolyn was born in Atwood, MI on the Flat Road. Her parents later moved to Barnard, where she grew up on a farm near Charlevoix, MI.

It was there in the third grade where she met her future husband, Paul. They started dating during their college days at Central Michigan University. After marrying at the Barnard Church in Charlevoix, they went to live in Conway, AR, where Paul received his Master's degree. Soon after, they returned to Michigan and settled in Alden. On Torch Lake they built a home base and countless lifelong friendships. Moves took them to Poulsbo, WA, and San Antonio, TX, and later winters in Gulf Shores, AL, but Torch Lake would always be home. She taught elementary school in Mancelona, MI, Kingston, WA, and kindergarten in San Antonio and preschool in Bellaire. She loved connecting with all ages, but was always drawn to the children in the room and their interests and successes. Her children and grandchildren brought her genuine joy, hearing of their life experiences.

She will be remembered for her faith, family, kindness, interest in others,

willingness to volunteer, and considerate nature. She loved her garden and learning new things. She enjoyed creating original themes each year for the High Tea Breast Cancer Prevention and planning family reunions and activities for summer visits with her grandchildren. As a retired teacher, she maintained contact with former students and hearing of their successes. She had a playful sense of humor and found a silver lining in all things. Carolyn was exceptional in every way and will be terribly missed by so many.

A private burial will be held in Kalkaska, MI and a service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Our Family Serving Yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Carolyn M. Foster*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Mrs. Carolyn M. Foster*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Dear Mr Forster, Paul , Mary and extended family. I'm truly sadden for your loss. Mrs Forster is one of the greatest elders of our dear town of Alden. She always had a kind word and truly care about everyone. When we finally moved here she gave us a beautiful dish towel that she embroidered Torch Lake on it. She was a great ambassador of Kindness. Her love of family was gift that she never took for granted. She will be missed. Alden was greatly blessed by her presence. Prayers for all. God Bless*

Jeanne Peeples - May 02, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Carolyn. We are sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was a wonderful person with a kind heart ❤️ and will be greatly missed. She just sent our mother Shirley Stoel a beautiful letter just last week and it meant a lot to her to have received it. Until we meet again*
Mark and Nancy Stoel

Mark and Nancy Stoel - May 01, 2020 at 09:16 PM

TG

“ Carolyn was a wonderful Grandmother to Max, Carl, Anna, and Ellie. Both my boys have have the best summer memories of watering the garden, putting flags in the ground for July 4th, the Alden Stroll, and family celebrations.

Much love to all - Tracy Griffenhagen

Tracy Griffenhagen - May 01, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ The most caring, competent, kind, loyal, and Christian woman any of us could have been Blessed to know. All my love to Paul, Stewart, and Mary.

Harry Foster - April 30, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn M. Foster.



April 30, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ Carolyn's presence will be so missed by our little church family in Alden and in the community. She was always so caring, concerned, and interested in others. She was a dear dear person and friend. To Paul, Mary, Stewart, grandchildren, and sisters: how blessed you were to have a mother, wife, grandmother and sister like Carolyn. You were her world and she was so proud of you all. How we will miss her!
Lovingly,
Claire Scheibner

Claire Scheibner - April 30, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JM

“ Mr. Foster, Stewart and Mary,

Our most sincere condolences to you and your family. We will keep you in our prayers for comfort and healing. We are thinking of you all.

The Moore's,
Mancelona

Joan Moore - April 29, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn M. Foster.



April 28, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CH

The highlights of my times in Alden were seeing the Fosters and their children and grandchildren. It was a joy to teach in Mancelona because of them. The Alden High Tea will be a sadder time without Carolyn. I am heartbroken over your loss. Cathy Harden

Cathy Harden - May 01, 2020 at 11:01 AM

RA

If we were all like Carolyn, the world would be a much better place. She truly will be missed by many, but it is wonderful to know she is in the loving hands of God. God's comfort and peace to Paul and the family.

Reida Aston - May 02, 2020 at 11:07 AM