

Carole Chapman, 68

Sept. 5, 1942 - May 12, 2011



MANILLA — Carole Ann, daughter of Carl Paul and Inez Mae (Frem) Rostermundt, was born September 5, 1942, at Carroll. Her early schooling was in Manning and Deloit and Crawford County rural schools. She attended high school in Denison and graduated as salutatorian of Ar-We-Va High School. Carole was active in 4-H, vocal music, band, speech, and was editor of the school paper.

February 13, 1960, Carole was united in marriage with Daryl Don Chapman at Moville. Nine children were born to this union. The couple made their home in the Schleswig area for six years. They moved to Manilla in 1967, and were active members of the Manilla community. Carole was an Activity Professional with the Manilla Manor nursing home for over 23 years. Carole was passionate about the Eden Alternative and was instrumental in transforming the Manor's philosophy to one that emphasizes elderly living with beauty and purpose. She retired in 2010. Carole also assisted in managing, editing, and co-authoring the book "History of Crawford County Iowa" in 1987. Carole was a woman with a wide variety of interests and she listed Eden Alternative philosophy and gardening as her passions on Facebook. She was a Crawford County Master Gardener. Carole was a catechism teacher for over 11 years and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, as well as Sacred Heart Church in Manilla. Carole had an enthusiasm for history and she explored, documented, researched, and advocated preservation of family, county, and Manilla history. Bob Knowler, National Publications Director, noted that her work on the Crawford County history book was a true labor of love. In 1995 Carole was influential in raising funds for the purchase and renovation of the Klondike Railroad Hotel for the Manilla Area Historical Association. She worked with family members to explore and document the history of the Chapman, Fremi and Rostermundt families.

Carole enjoyed traveling with her husband and family. She was always an avid supporter of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in their many interests over the years. She sat through thousands of sports games, assisted with hundreds of 4-H projects, and attended all baptisms, first communions, confirmations, and graduations for her family over the years. Carole enjoyed attending political events. She was a devout student and teacher of Catholic religion and faith. She enjoyed outings with her friends and playing Euker with her family and friends. After Daryl's death in 2007, Carole remained very active in her job, community and family. Carole was recently hospitalized with a sudden and unexpected illness. She died at Hospice House in Omaha, NE, on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the age of 68 years, 8 months and 5 days.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents; husband Daryl Chapman in 2007; grandson Gavin Stone; brother Charles Rostermundt. Carole is survived by her children; Jane Bandow (Dale) of Manilla; Robert Chapman (Debra) of Manilla; Theresa Stone (Scott) of Rochester, MN; Marilynn Coleman (John) of Omaha, NE; Kurt Chapman (Jennifer) of Manilla; Regina Ransom (Rudy) of Ozark, MO; Lynda Benson (Lynn) of Grimes; Kent Chapman (Theresa) of Indianola; Sara Wells (Jackie Jr.) of Ankeny; 23 grandchildren: April Brotherson (Tom Genzen); Joe Bandow (Diana); Dennis (Kayla); Sean (Autumn); Tami, Chris and Erik Chapman; Justine Stone; Josh (Amanda), Kyle and Emily Coleman; Alyssa, Allison and Cody Chapman; Kinzlee and Kassidy Ransom; Cole, Paige and Luke Benson; Sage and Sawyer Chapman; Sierra and Jackie Wells III; 4 great-grandchildren: Shelby and Ragen Brotherson; Brody Chapman; and Jackson Bandow; siblings: Mary Long (Bob) of Perry; Kathleen Wenck (Duane) of Lidderdale; Connie Huffaker (Rod) of Kansas City, MO; Kenny Rostermundt (Vivian) of Council Bluffs; Patricia Lewis (Tommie) of Arcadia, IN; Joan Rostermundt of Council Bluffs; Michele Olson (Allen) of Manilla; Diane Van Zee (Kent) of Urbandale; Jean Gurule (Anthony) of Longmont, CO; and Michael Rostermundt of Manilla; sister-in-law Norma "Jean" Sayers of Glenwood; brothers-in-law: Garry Chapman (Pat) of Denison; Harold Chapman (Elaine) of Arion; Jerry Chapman (Carleen) of Cedar Rapids; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, May 15, 2011, with a prayer service and rosary at 5:30 p.m. The rosary was led by Kathy and Duane Wenck and the Catholic Daughters of America Sacred Heart Church, Manilla. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday,

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May 16, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla with Reverend Robert Gralapp, celebrant. Speaker was Kent Chapman. Gift bearers were her daughters-in-law, Debra Chapman, Jennifer Chapman and Theresa Chapman. Eucharist Ministers were Connie Huffaker, Norbert Kasperbauer and Jeff Muhlbauer. The music was "How Beautiful", Ave Maria", and "On Eagles Wings/Wind Beneath My Wings" with Sacred Heart Choir. Irene Feilmeier was organist. Casket bearers were sons-in-law, Dale Bandow, Scott Stone, John Coleman, Rudy Ransom, Lynn Benson and Jackie Wells, Jr. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla.

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