



## Carol Meiners

April 18, 1942 - July 16, 2020

Carol (Heithoff) Meiners, 78, of Dedham, died Thursday, July 16, 2020 at her home surrounded by family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at St. Joseph's Parish in Dedham. Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm assisted by Deacon Louie Meiners. The organ will be played by a good friend, Cindy Bauer, and songs by a grandson Seth Pierce. Lector for the funeral mass will be brother, Ken Heithoff, and sister-in-law, Lori Devine. Casket Bearers will be grandchildren: Brandon Meiners, Samantha Bedford, Tyler Hunke, Ryan Bedford, Ashley Meiners, Kristin Hunke, Lindsey Golwitzer and Kaylie Golwitzer. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dedham. Those who choose to attend the funeral mass are required to wear a face covering. There will be no public visitation at the church prior to the mass.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Those in attendance are asked to abide by COVID 19 social distancing guidelines, and masks are recommended.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church to establish a nursing education scholarship in Carol's name. If mailing a memorial please mail to Family of Carol Meiners, c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Carol's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Carol, the daughter of Marcellus & Otilia (Weitl) Heithoff, was born on April 18, 1942 in Carroll, Iowa. She grew up in Templeton, Iowa; and Verndale, Minn., and attended St. Gabriel's Hospital School of Nursing in Little Falls, Minn. Carol began her nursing career at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn.

On January 4, 1964, Carol was united in marriage to Harold Meiners at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. The couple lived a short time in Maplewood, Minn., and then raised their nine children in the Dedham area, eventually settling on the family farm. After moving to Iowa, Carol worked at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll, private nursing care and retired from Thomas Rest Haven Nursing Home in Coon Rapids in 2004.

Carol was involved in many community activities including the Dedham St. Joseph's Church Ladies Guild, St. Joseph's choir, Dedham Auxiliary, Viola Homemakers Club, and the Red Hatters. In retirement, Harold and Carol loved to travel – visiting all continents except Antarctica, spending their winter months in Florida or Arizona and loving their time in Branson, MO. with their many friends and family.

After her diagnosis of Glioblastoma Multiforme brain cancer, and initial treatment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Carol was able to help advance the study of immuno-therapy treatment through her participation in the exclusive polio vaccine clinical trial with Duke University's Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center in Durham, N.C. It was important for her to continue to contribute through this ongoing research to help improve the future of those

impacted by the disease.

Left to celebrate her life is her beloved husband, Harold Meiners, her children: Lisa Meiners (Joe Stumph), Vadnais Heights, Minn.; Gary Meiners, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Brenda (Jarret) Golwitzer, West Des Moines, Iowa; Kim (Fred) Campbell, Carroll, Iowa; Deb (Randy) Russell, Ogden, Iowa; Mike (Laura) Meiners, Rochester, Minn.; Tim (Nicole) Meiners, Denver, Colo.; Tami (Brian) Larson, Ankeny, Iowa; Chris (Krissy) Meiners, Denver, Colo.

Grandchildren: Brandon Meiners; Ashley Meiners (Seth Pierce); Lindsey and Kaylie Golwitzer; Samantha and Ryan Bedford; Kaitlyn and Kyle Campbell; Tyler and Kristin Hunke; Alex, Emma and Norah Meiners; Jaxon and Maddox Meiners; Grace and Abigail Larson.

Brother, Ken (Karen) Heithoff, Naples, Fla.; Sister Connie Heithoff (Rae), Grand Marais, Minn.

Brothers-in-law: Bob Meiners (Mary), Hampshire, Ill.; Vern (Jane) Meiners, Carroll, Iowa; Ron (Jeanine) Meiners, Carroll, Iowa; Ray (Gail) Meiners, Papillion, Neb.

Sisters-in-law: Lori Devine, Watertown, S.D.; Rosie (Pat) Lenz, Omaha, Neb.; Mary (Gary) Tripp, Crescent, Iowa as well as many nieces, nephews and other extended relatives.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Marcellus & Otilia Heithoff; infant brother, John; sister-in-law, Nancy Meiners; brother-in-law, John Devine; in-laws, Henry & Agnella Meiners.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
502 Main St  
Dedham, IA 51440  
(712) 683-5744

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sad to see this. she was the sweetest lady and such a blessing to be around especially at TRH. Blessing for all. Cousin Loie.

lois hilgenberg - July 21, 2020 at 10:38 PM

BI

“ Harold and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy in the passing of your wife, mother and grandmother. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in the great memories that you have of Carol. God Bless you all as you face this difficult time.  
Brad and Carrie Irlbeck

Brad/Carrie Irlbeck - July 21, 2020 at 10:40 AM

DC

Harold & family. So sorry to hear about Carol passing. Our deepest sympathy. Thought & prayers with u during this difficult time. Harold we have great memories with Carol & u in Branson years back. Look forward mars to seeing u in Branson sometime again

Don & CarolMatzenbacher - July 21, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ Nicole and Tim It deepness my heart to hear of Carol's passing. It is hard to loose some one close and she sounds like an amazing beautiful person! Please know you all are in my prayers and I send love and strength to help you get past these difficult times! Love to both of you!

Betsey Mitchell - July 20, 2020 at 04:55 PM

DM

“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT CAROL SHE WAS A FINE LADY ,SO SORRY ,

DAVID MUHR - July 20, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 20, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 20, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 20, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 20, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 20, 2020 at 02:33 AM



“ *Paul and I send our deepest sympathies to you Harold and to your whole family. We got to know you two during these past few years and what I remember about Carol is her grace, her sense of humor, her caring and inquisitive ways, and the way she gave her undivided attention to being with us. I believe you two were soulmates. The love she had for you and your family lives on, as love never dies. Thank you Carol, thank you, Harold for letting us into your lives. God be with you now and always.*

**Janice and Paul Klaus** - July 19, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



July 19, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



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July 19, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ *To Harold and Family. Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences on the loss of loving wife. Our prayers are with you and your family. Liz and Jim Havermann*

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**Jim Havermann** - July 19, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ *I am sending my heartfelt condolences to you ,Harold, and your family. Carol was a nursing classmate from St. Gabriel's School of Nursing -1963 and also was a house mate in St. Paul, MN as she started her nursing career at St. Joseph's Hospital in St Paul. I am so sorry for your loss. Peace be to you all.*

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**Eileen Thom** - July 19, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



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July 19, 2020 at 04:48 PM

BL

“ *Sending sympathy to Carol's family. Have many good memories of Carol in the Class of 1960 in Verndale. Carol was the Homecoming Queen in 1960.*

*Barbara Anderson Larson - Class of 1960*



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**barbara larsen** - July 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *I am very Sorry Harold and Family.*

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**Tom Olheiser** - July 19, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JP

“ *Our. Thoughts And. Prayers. Go. With. You. As. You. Travel. To. And. From. The. Services. For. Carol. Meiners! May. She. Rest. In. Peace!  
May. She. Be. With. Jesus. May. You. Have. Good. Memories. To. All. Of. You!  
From. Jim. Darrell and. Becky. And. Janice. Pritchard*

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**janice pritchard** - July 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.*



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July 18, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Carol Meiners*



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**JoAnn Anderson** - July 18, 2020 at 12:13 PM



*Sending our sympathy, Roger and JoAnn Anderson. (Rog was also class of 1960*

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**JoAnn Anderson** - July 18, 2020 at 12:16 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann & Wayne Bretz lit a candle in memory of Carol Meiners*



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**Mary Ann & Wayne Bretz** - July 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SA

“ I think one of the funniest times we had was when we came down with our camper and spent a few days there. Tom and Harold went to a bar they weren't gone to long and when they came back Tom had the funniest look on his face and all of a sudden your dad started laughing and told us that when they were there every one was eating mountain oysters and Tom was eating them too but he had no idea what they were and to say the least he was kind of shocked at what he ate. Will we had more laughs for years telling people what he ate and being our friends and family here were not farmers they were also shocked I think Toms face got greener every time we talked about it! We will not be able to make it down there for the funeral as Tom has a doctor appointment and is having a ultra sound too. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and God Bless.

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**Sandy** - July 18, 2020 at 11:18 AM

SS

“ Harold and Carol were the best neighbors we could ask for. When I worked for Harold, Carol made sure we were well fed and always had a smile on her face. I don't know how she did it, with all those little ones running around, but she always had a calm and caring attitude. Even after she got sick, I would joke around with her and she always had a good comeback. We had some great times at our neighborhood parties along with all the work we did as neighbors together throughout the many years. I have enjoyed watching all the kids grow up and are now raising their own families. Whenever I see any of them, there is always that warm and special feeling of growing up next door to each other and having great conversations. What I always enjoyed the most was at the end of the year, Harold and I would get together and settle up what we owed each other either for custom work I owed him for or corn that he bought from me for silage or other stuff we did throughout the year. Sue and I would get together with Harold and Carol, have a couple drinks and go out for supper together. I think this is where Carol got introduced to Bailleys and Buttershot Schnapps and heard later that she enjoyed it with the kids at Christmas time. She also conned me into playing Santa Clause one year for the family Christmas, which I really enjoyed. So many great and wonderful memories that we have shared together through the years.

*I know it's been a long and tough road for all of you, but be assured that Carol will always be remembered as a caring, wonderful person, a loving Mother and personal friend with a wonderful smile that I will always remember.*

*God bless you my good friend Harold and your family. Carol will be missed by all of us, but now is in a better place and am sure will still enjoy my corny jokes.*

*Steve Seidl*

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**Steve Seidl** - July 18, 2020 at 05:38 AM

MM

“ Carol was the kindest most special women I have ever known. She had a great sense of humor and was special in every way. I am blessed to have known her.

Mary Mordino - July 18, 2020 at 01:29 AM



“ In Memory - Angel Figurine, 9 in was purchased for the family of Carol Meiners.



July 17, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“ Class of 1960 purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carol Meiners.



Class of 1960 - July 17, 2020 at 12:02 PM

LH

“ LEO HAISMAN lit a candle in memory of Carol Meiners



LEO HAISMAN - July 17, 2020 at 10:22 AM

PS

*My deepest sympathies to the whole family. What an angel gone but not forgotten.*

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**Pamela Schmitz** - July 20, 2020 at 04:25 AM