



## Elma Garbier

June 11, 1919 - January 19, 2015

Elma Garbier, 95 of Carroll, died Monday, January 19, 2015 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Marcy Anderson and the St. Lawrence Choir with Katie Kustra as cantor. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Luanne Kustra and Cindy Maturo. Gift Bearers will be: Jennifer Brown, Christine Leick, Beth Chapman, Alison True, and Anna Garbier. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Elma Heidemann, Mary Chapman, and Jennifer Brown. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Gus Heidemann, Tom Lofboom, Art Chapman, Steve True, Greg Kustra, and John Kustra. Casket Bearers will be: Stephen Heidemann, Andrew Lofboom, Patrick Lofboom, Michael Lofboom, Ben True, Nate True, Alex Garbier, and James Garbier. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

The St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4:30 p.m. on Friday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. by St. Lawrence Parish.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9 a.m. on Saturday

where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

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

Born on June 11, 1919 at Alcester, South Dakota, Elma was the daughter of Arlo and Lenna (Young) Swanson. She graduated from Alcester High School and later from Yankton College in Yankton, South Dakota in 1941.

On May 27, 1942 she was united in marriage to Stephen Andrew Garbier at Yankton, South Dakota. The couple moved to Carroll with their family from Sioux City in 1956. Both Elma and Steve were employed at Kuemper Catholic High School for many years, retiring together in 1980.

During her retirement years, Mrs. Garbier was involved in many organizations volunteering, and also active with St. Lawrence Parish as a Eucharistic Minister and Ladies Guild. She always loved teaching, reading, cooking and spending summer evenings on the patio visiting with family and her many friends.

Elma is survived by her children: Elma Heidemann and her husband Gus of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Anne Lofboom and her husband Tom of Stillwater, MN, Mary Chapman and her husband Art of Eagle Grove, Nancy True and her husband Steve of Wauwatosa, WI, and Steve Garbier and his wife Jean of Boston, MA; her grandchildren: Jennifer, Stephen (Elvira), Andrew, Christine (Chad), Patrick (Emily), Michael (Sarah), Jennifer, Elizabeth, Ben, Alison (Jaime), Nate, Alex, Anna, and James; her step-grandchildren: Lorie (Bob), Dave (Angie), and Chris (Rosita); and her great-grandchildren: Meredith, Mason, Willow, Charlie, and Bode; and her brother in-law, Wallace Patten of Sioux Falls, SD; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Her parents, and her husband Stephen, preceded her in death.

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Alma was a sweet, kind, generous person. I attended some of her classes. I graduated with her son Steve in 1974. She resided at Orchard View in Carroll. There, she was a very kind neighbor to my older sister Vicki. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*  
*Sincerely Pam Rohner*

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**Pam Rohner** - January 31, 2015 at 03:25 PM

RO

“ *Jenn & Meridith  
my thoughts are prayers are with you now &  
always.*  
*RoseMarie*



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**RoseMarie** - January 24, 2015 at 06:44 PM

HR

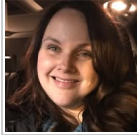
“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. . Helen ,Terry  
,Terence,Lucia and Sara Robinson .*

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**Helen Robinson** - January 24, 2015 at 12:52 PM

DC

“ *Elma was an amazing woman. Her wit made our visits memorable.  
Please convey my condolences to all her family as our prayers are  
with them.*  
*Dr. John Carroll*

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**Dr John Carroll** - January 24, 2015 at 09:17 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences! I have so many great memories of Elma and she was such a wonderful lady. I am so sorry for your loss- she will be missed. Wish I could be there in person to pay my respects. I am thinking of you all. Sincerely, Kay Lawyer*

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**Katherine Lawyer Araujo** - January 24, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DL

“ *In the Loss of your Mother may the wonderful memories be with you and comfort you at this time. What a beautiful picture of your mother and she was a wonderful lady. You have our Sympathy. Donna R Lenz and the late Larry Lenz and Family.*

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**Donna R Lenz** - January 23, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



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January 22, 2015 at 08:20 PM

SF

“ *My sympathy to the Garbier family. Your mom was such a nice lady, neighbor and wonderful teacher. May you treasure your memories of her always.*

*Sheri Eifler Fee  
Marion, IA*

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**Sheri Fee** - January 22, 2015 at 06:27 PM

LG

“ *Mary, thoughts and prayers for you and the entire family!  
Linda and Ernie Golwitzer*

Linda Golwitzer - January 22, 2015 at 01:10 PM

PH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. Through the years our lives get so busy that we forget people that have touched our lives in one way or another...I never had Mrs. Garbier for any classes but she was a very strong presence at Kuemper. I remember how beautiful she was....and still is striking in the picture that is posted. It is hard to loose a parent, but always harder to loose the last parent...  
Keep the good memories in your heart...great place to keep them, very handy to reminice....  
My heart goes out to you all.  
Patt Heithoff Hultman, Class of '66*

Patt Heithoff - January 22, 2015 at 06:14 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



January 21, 2015 at 09:19 PM

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“ *She was a great lady and teacher at KHS. The class mates of Elma (1962) send love, hugs, and prayers.....and as Sister Margaret Mary would say...."God is Good"*

Richard Harlow...class of 62 - January 21, 2015 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Richard Harlow...class Of 62 lit a candle in memory of Elma Garbier*



Richard Harlow...class of 62 - January 21, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



January 21, 2015 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ *Mrs. Garbier was an icon at Kuemper Catholic High School. Literature was not one of my best subjects, but I loved having her as a teacher in my sophomore year. Her love for the literary arts was contagious. She impacted many lives at Kuemper. God bless the Garbier family. -John Steffes*

John Steffes - January 21, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



January 21, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MP

“ My sympathies to all. We are in Florida so can't attend the wake or funeral. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Regards - Mary Fran Pedelty*

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**Mary Fran Pedelty** - January 21, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



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January 20, 2015 at 08:49 PM

JM

“ *Please accept our sympathy. Your mother will be remembered as having a respectful personality. She would stay in our homeroom, 208, when Sister Margaret Mary had to be out and about. Her gentle smile and calmness carried over to the students. Of course one can not think of Elma without thinking of your dad, Mr. Steve Garbier. They definitely are admired as remarkable teachers when reminicing years at Kuemper Catholic School. from James '62 and Joyce '63 Masching*

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**James & Joyce Masching** - January 20, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma Garbier.*



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January 20, 2015 at 01:12 PM

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“ *My sympathy to all of Elma's family. May her passing bring you all together and help you find comfort in being near your loved ones. Remember all the good times. Love to you all*  
*Marge (Heidemann) Thouvenin*



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**marge thouvenin** - January 19, 2015 at 04:03 PM