



Karol Darling

June 26, 1921 - November 17, 2018

Karol June Darling, age 97, of Byron Center, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

She was preceded in death in 2014 by her husband of nearly 70 years, Raymond Darling; brother, Keith Hallman; and sisters Marilyn Hansen and Alison Sullivan.

Karol will be lovingly missed by sons Richard (Margaret) Darling, Thomas (Debra) Darling and Gary Darling; grandchildren Scott Darling, Heather Conrad, Emily (Nicholas) Funk, Bryce Darling, Colin Kendall, and Amanda Molicky; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Karol was a veteran who served her country during WWII. Following her service, Karol was an accomplished artist and long-time member of the National League of American Pen Women as well as the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Memorial services will be held 3 PM Friday, November 23, 2018 at Cook Funeral Home, 2067 84th SW, Byron Center, MI. A memorial visitation, where you can meet with family and friends, will be held from 1:30 to 3 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Karol to Byron Center Manor.

The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcares.com.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 01:30PM - 03:00PM

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Cook Funeral & Cremation Services - Byron Center Chapel
2067 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI, US, 49315

NOV **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

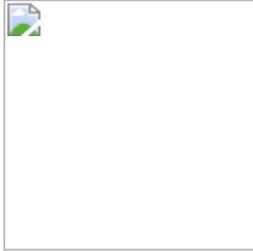
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Comments



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gary darling - November 22 at 10:44 AM



“ I am Karol's niece, Shawn, Alison's oldest daughter. My memories of Aunt Karol center around the Darling home in Bloomfield Hills. It was a wonderful house, magical to me in that it was like living in the woods, with trees all around the yard, and with huge windows that “brought the woods inside”. I remember being there with all my Hallman cousins, at the holidays, and enjoying a gingerbread house, though I'm unsure if we had any part of the construction of it. If I were as organized as Aunt Karol, I'd be able to share the photo of all the cousins gathered around the dining room table, with that prized gingerbread house in the center. Perhaps one of my cousins will share it.

I loved reconnecting with Aunt Karol once she and Uncle Ray came back to Michigan, and she was wonderful about sharing memories of my mother (and her other siblings) with me. She was the most gracious lady I know.



Shawn Fyksen - November 21 at 04:26 PM



“ She gave beautiful memories for all she touched.

gary darling - November 25 at 09:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karol Darling.



November 21 at 01:27 PM



“ I am Karol's youngest son and I have wonderful memories of her creating beautiful oil paintings. She started to paint in her late forties and continued up until last winter. She was a talented artist. Last winter, at 96 years of age, she painted her last work. It was something she had seen on The Antiques Roadshow. The wonderful people at the Kent District Library in Byron Center found it in a book and made a copy for her. For two months she painted, complained about how difficult it was, and said it was her last big painting. Finally she decided it was done and I must say it is inspiring. I am posting a photo of it.



Gary Darling - November 19 at 09:15 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Karol Darling.



November 19 at 03:29 PM