

## Margaret Ann Carlson Grove

May 27, 1924 - August 29, 2020

Margaret's service can be viewed here: https://vimeo.com/455819685

Margaret Ann Carlson Grove passed away peacefully under the care of Edgewood Vista and Hospice of the Red River Valley on August 29, 2020.

Margaret Currier was born on May 27, 1924 in Minneapolis, MN to John Joseph and Marguerite (Griffis) Currier. She attended Minneapolis Public Schools and graduated from Washburn High on June 5, 1942.

Maggie married John E. Carlson on May 18, 1946, at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. They met one Sunday after John saw her singing in the church choir and followed her home. They made their home in Fargo where Margaret worked for WDAY. Together they had 3 children, John Richard, Becky Ann (Tim) O'Keefe and Todd (Kris) Carlson. Maggie was preceded in death by her first husband of 56 years, John E. Carlson, her son, John, and brother Dick Currier. Maggie was also preceded by her dear second husband, John Grove.

She is survived by daughter Becky (Grand Forks) and son Todd (Pelican Lake); 5 grandchildren, Joel Carlson (Jill), Erinn Hakstol (Dave), Katie O'Keefe Hale (Ryan), Cole Carlson and Rhett Carlson, both of Fargo, and 5 great grandchildren.

Margaret possessed a beautiful singing voice and sang professionally in the area for years. She sang at dozens of wedding and funerals. She was a founding member of the Fargo-Moorhead Civic Opera and performed in many of their productions. She was a devoted member of the Elim Lutheran Church Choir. Margaret was a member of the Fargo Fine Arts Club, Chapter AM of PEO, Fargo Music Club and Round Table.

Maggie was a fabulous cook and homemaker. Her home was always filled with great food and beautiful music. She was the quintessential grandmother and will be greatly missed by all. The Carlson and O'Keefe families would like to thank Edgewood Vista, Glens Place

and Hospice of the Red River Valley for their gentle care in the last months of her life.

The family has designated Hospice of the Red River Valley for memorial contributions.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Cemetery

**Lakewood Cemetery - Minneapolis** 

3600 Hennepin Ave. South Minneapolis, MN, 55408

## Comments



66 A webcast video has been added.



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - September 08 at 09:49 AM



66 Im so sorry for your loss Todd Carlson family, she was a stunning lady!!

Sadie - September 11 at 12:47 AM



My heartfelt condolences, Becky, Todd and family. Maggie was quite a woman who brought a lot of light to our family when she married my dad, "John the second". We are forever grateful for the loving care she provided him, and for her warmth to all of us. She will be missed.

Love to you all.

Molly Grove - September 11 at 07:13 PM



Becky and family,
I was sorry to her of your mom's death. She was always so welcoming whenever I
was in your home and showed such warmth when I'd see her at events with John.
Go Bless, Maryjane

Maryjane Marsden-Martens - September 07 at 11:59 PM



Thank you Maryjane...We were lucky to be raised by solid, loving parents in a city like Fargo.

Becky - September 08 at 10:00 PM



Maggie and John the first will forever be etched in my memories as talented and amazing family friends. I honestly don't remember a time when they weren't a part of my growing up years. Maggie was always the most amazing, supportive, talented parental figure who inspired and listened without judgement. Loved her tons!!! A true Original.



My deepest condolences to Margaret's family. I am deeply saddened to learn of her passing. Marg, as I called her, was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed. I remember many hours caring for John, Becky and Todd and helping John and Marg prepared for dinner engagements at their home. May you take comfort with friends and family that surround you during this difficult time.

Cec Piper, Savage, MN



Cec Piper - September 06 at 12:11 PM



Becky, I am so sorry to read about your mom. She was married to two of the greatest (and luckiest) guys ever! God bless her memory.

John T. Korsmo - September 05 at 03:31 PM



Thanks, JT. We will miss her but she was fortunate to live a long and happy life.

Becky - September 07 at 10:13 AM



To Margaret's Family.... I met John Carlson many years ago and at some point after that also met Margaret. John and I work together on a variety of park projects over the years. I can remember when I first met Margaret telling my wife that is one of the kindest and one of prettiest ladies that I've ever met and she remained that way me until her journey on earth was completed....,God Bless your memory Margaret...... Roger G Gress

Roger G Gress - September 05 at 11:16 AM



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Becky - September 04 at 09:12 AM



Sweet picture Becky...wish I was able to join you at the memorial

Mary C Tallman - September 05 at 11:14 AM



**66** Thank you Mary.....Susan and Tim as well. Your words are kind and warm our hearts.....ahhhhh, the memories!

becky okeefe - September 05 at 06:08 PM



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Mark Grove - September 03 at 10:40 AM



I was so very sorry to see news of Maggie's death...she was always Maggie to my parents so she remains to me. I don't remember a time when I didn't know her and both wonderful Johns in her life, Carlson and Grove. My most sincere sympathy to Becky and John and to all who knew her. The world is a poorer place today. Mary Tallman Chicago

Mary C Tallman - September 01 at 11:44 AM



I too was saddened to hear of Margaret's passing. "Maggie" and John were two of my parents best friends and my brothers and continue to share a friendship (although it's been a while!) with John, Becky and Todd.

My prayers and condolences.

Eric Odney - September 01 at 06:32 PM



66 So sorry to here about Maggie.a great lady and I will miss her.

Tim Tallman - September 01 at 07:58 PM



I have such wonderful memories of listening to Margaret and John singing in the Elim church choir. For Margaret, being part of the choir was important because she loved music and brought her energy to every song she sang. She always had a smile on her face and I

never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. Our sympathy to the family. May she rest in peace.

Robert Littlefield - September 02 at 01:58 PM



So sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She was not only a beautiful woman but always charming to all she met. She left her family a wonderful legacy. God bless the memory of Margaret. Patti Pratt

Patti Pratt - September 02 at 04:37 PM



Maggie brought great joy to our family when she married "John the Second," as she called our dad. Though she and dad had a limited number of years together, they made the most of that time. We got a kick out of her referring to some health issue dad might be having with a reference to it being common with "men his age"...and she was 87 at the time. We always enjoyed our visits and phone conversations with Maggie, marveling at her consistent energy, even if she wasn't always feeling top-rate. She exhibited pure delight in keeping us up-to-date on the doings of her family while also insisting on learning what was new in our world. We'll miss her.

Our love to the O'Keefe and Carlson families.

Mary & Mark Grove

Mary & Mark Grove - September 03 at 06:19 PM



Margaret was a dear soul. She was always so concerned about others. I will greatly miss our visits. Always in the love Christ,

Pastor Carol Strand

pastor Csrol Strsnd - September 04 at 05:03 AM



66 A lady with class

craig colman - September 04 at 09:37 AM



Margaret was one of the many "Potluck Mothers" who guided us girls through childhood. She was so fun. When we planned to sneak out of our houses, Becky told her Mom! She was so understanding. Other great memories were the many parties that Becky had and her Mom prepared all the food, then left us to socialize. My thoughts are with you Becky.

Janet Hustad - September 04 at 12:03 PM



I am so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She and I were in several productions of the Fargo Moorhead Civic Opera together. She had a beautiful voice and even more beautiful personality. I also directed the Handbell choir from First United Methodist church and we played for Becky's beautiful wedding. Peace.

Jim Kruse - September 04 at 01:22 PM



Maggie was always a family friend of the Tallmans. She did me the great favor of singing The Hawaiian Wedding Song at my wedding, but she worried it was not religious. I suggested she also sing the Ludkin Amen and then she was happy, She was a lovely light and will be missed

Susan T Brooks - September 04 at 03:06 PM



66 Our thoughts and prayers are with you Becky and your family on the loss of your mom. Your parents made a difference in our community. Erv and Linda Inniger

Erv & Linda Inniger - September 07 at 08:58 AM



What a beautiful service thank you for making that available.. I can still hear Maggie humming along to the music she played while cooking dinner. Maggie took such good care of dad (John G.) and yes they did enjoy the evening Martini. Becky and family I am so sorry for your loss.

Katie A. Grove - September 10 at 12:12 AM