

Carole Joyce Seaman

Carole Joyce was born in 1929 to Pastor Chester and Edna Tulga. Chosen from, *A Christmas Carol*, her name means “joyful song.” She joined siblings, Lois, Paul and Elma in the First Baptist parsonage of North Platte, NE. Four years later, her beloved brother, Louis, arrived. The family enjoyed a loving home where their children were taught to minister to everyone. In the Christmas season of 1934, 5-year-old Carole debuted singing on her father’s church radio program in Brookings, SD. When her parents moved to Chicago, IL, Carole first attended Taft High School and then Tuley High School. Working part time she was quickly promoted to manage a small grocery store. Carole’s next employment was in an upscale ladies clothing shop, where she worked as a sales girl and a model. At the age of 15 she first met her lifetime love, Millard Seaman. They again crossed paths at Byron Bible Camp in Huron, SD. While Carole was attending Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, Mill became her pen pal. In December of 1948, she joyfully accepted his marriage proposal. Their 64 year marriage began on June 11, 1949. Six children blessed this union: Tim, Terie, Ted, Tom, Todd, and Tal. Carole and Mill often referred to their children as their “Tea Party,” and they encouraged the family to be loving and loyal. Each wedding anniversary was celebrated and the 25th, 40th, 50th, and 60th were extra special family reunions. Moving was a common theme as they lived first at Wheaton College, IL, and then moved to Onida, Huron, and Miller, SD, where they served faithfully for Sunshine Bible Academy. The Seamans also moved to Christian schools in Hutchinson and Wichita, KS and Rochester, NY. Their final location was to move back to the “beautiful Black Hills.” Carole provided additional family income by giving piano lessons and winning sales awards for the Swipe Company. The ownership of Custer Mansion Bed and Breakfast provided the happiest times. For 11 years this family project was a source of inspiration and revenue. When Mill became a pastor, Carole taught Bible studies, mentored new Christians, and provided church music. “I have a reservation in heaven that cannot be broken,” Carole frequently repeated. She also spoke her farewells with, “See you in heaven.” In the 2022 season of Christmas carols and candles, Carole was greeted in heaven by her husband, her first born son, her son-in-law, her grandson, her great-grandson, her parents, three of her siblings, and many other relatives. Carole will be missed by her children and their families, her brother and his family, and many extended family members and friends. A memorial has been established with SBA for a scholarship honoring Mill and Carole Seaman.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Carole Joyce Seaman

March 6, 1929 ~ December 7, 2022

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch,
following the committal service at the church hall.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



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Born

March 6, 1929
North Platte, Nebraska

Died

December 7, 2022
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, January 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Reverend Tom Seaman
Reverend Jenene Earl

Soloists

Melissa Seaman Brayson Bussell

Musical Selections

"The Lord Is My Light" "Blessed Assurance"
"How Great Thou Art" "God Will Bring Them Home"

Pallbearers

Derik Lewis Dustin Seaman Monty Seaman Moriah Seaman
Fredrick Seaman Philip Seaman Daniel Seaman Chris Johns Tim Seaman

Honorary Pallbearers

Great-Grandsons

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota