



In Loving Memory of
Carol Jesslyn Montgomery

January 24, 1926 - Carrington, ND
February 26, 2020 - Carrington, ND

VISITATION

Saturday, February 29, 2020 ~ 1:30PM-2:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, February 29, 2020 ~ 2:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Sarah Shanks

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clara Edwardson ~ Organist

Congregational Hymns

The Old Rugged Cross

In The Garden

Amazing Grace

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

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Celebrating the Life of



Carol Montgomery

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Carol Montgomery, age 94, died February 26, 2020, at Golden Acres Manor in Carrington, ND.

Carol Jesslyn Mills was born January 24, 1926, in Carrington to Gerda (Watne) Mills and Lew Mills. The oldest of four children, Carol was an avid reader and fine student, and she was especially close to her sister Elaine.

Carol graduated from Carrington High School. As a teenager, Carol enjoyed school and time with friends and family, and she worked part-time at Galehouse Drugstore on Main Street in Carrington. On January 6, 1945, Carol married Robert Montgomery. She and Robert ranched and farmed west of Carrington for more than 40 years. They had been married 64 years at the time of Robert's passing in 2009.

Carol and Robert had nine children, whom they loved very much. They experienced tragedy with their first two children, losing infant daughter Kay to illness and their first child, Richard, to a drowning accident at age 18. These experiences affected them both deeply, and Carol was known among friends and family to have great empathy and support for people struggling with loss. Carol lost two adult sons as well.

In addition to being a beloved mother and wife and being active in the Carrington community, Carol loved to read widely and build her home library. She loved dogs and collecting beautiful dishes and listening to a wide range of music. Carol loved seeing wildlife and birdwatching and tracking the night sky and the phases of the moon. Carol volunteered for various causes and events, and she was quick to lend a helping hand in low-key ways. She also thoroughly enjoyed attending school concerts and other area events featuring the Arts, and she especially enjoyed working part-time at the Carrington Library during her retirement years.

Carol also had a deep and abiding faith, and she was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Carrington. She served on various church committees, and she was especially active in Trinity Lutheran Church Women and in supporting the growth of the library at Trinity Lutheran. Carol also cared a lot about welcoming newcomers to Trinity and to Carrington, and she was quick to share a smile and a warm greeting.

Carol also took great pleasure in spending time with her friends in the Carrington area. She was an active and longstanding member of Dover Club, which was a monthly gathering of farm wives in the Wyard Township area.

And she loved the fellowship and activities of Literary Club and similar groups in Carrington. She also enjoyed getting coffee with friends and hosting late-night coffee visits. Anyone who knew Carol knew that she made a great cup of coffee and that it was never too late at night for coffee and a visit, either in person or over the phone.

Carol spent the last several years of her life as a resident at Golden Acres Manor. She enjoyed the fellowship there, and she was known by all to be gracious and cheerful and appreciative of life's blessings. And while mild dementia affected her short-term memory more and more in her last years, Carol retained her lovely personality, her pleasure in visiting with family and friends, her love of music and dogs, and her wry wit and quick sense of humor.

Carol is survived by her children Ann Montgomery (Flagstaff, AZ), Sue Montgomery (Mandan, ND), Lee (Fargo, ND), Jennifer Montgomery (Frank Cummings) (Salisbury, NH), and Ron (Arthur, ND); and by her granddaughter Brooke (Craig) Roth and great-grandsons Hudson and Becker Roth (Los Angeles, CA). Carol was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her parents Lew and Gerda Mills, her sister Elaine (Mills) Hall, her brothers Fritz Mills and Eldon Mills, and her children Kay Montgomery, Richard Montgomery, Scott Montgomery, and James Montgomery.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.