



## Carol E. Ramsden

December 12, 1939 - January 9, 2019

Carol E. Ramsden, age 79, of rural Highland passed away January 9, 2019, at home after the difficult journey of the unforgiving disease of ALS. She was born December 12, 1939, in Dodgeville, WI daughter of Milo and Wilma (Anderson) Mellum. She started accordion lessons at age 8 taught by Rudy Burkhalter of Madison. She played "Skaters Waltz" on Public Radio at age 9. She graduated from Cobb High School in 1957. She was then employed at General Telephone Co. and Corner Drug at Dodgeville. She was a member for 11 years, receiving the key award, wrote two essays which were read on Public Radio and was a 4-H leader for many years. She and Vince enjoyed working at the Iowa County Fair.

Carol had a deep love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Otter Creek Lutheran Church. Carol and Vince were married October 7, 1962. They were members of Avoca United Methodist Church since then. Carol was church organist for 50 years, together with Vince they sang for many funerals and other occasions. Carol played for Highland Presbyterian also, and was a member of Presbyterian Women. God was the center of her life. Carol and Vince opened their hearts and home to at least 45 foster children and each one was special.

Carol loved country living and felt enormous empathy for all living creatures. Throughout her life time, she gave freely of her time, talent and treasures, to those in need. She and Vince were leaders of Volunteers in Mission, leading to disaster all needy areas for many years, all over the U.S. She enjoyed

helping Vince organize hundreds of trips. She went on 77 missions' trips and Vince 104. Carol loved being a farm wife and Forest View Farms Inc. She liked hats, caps and flannel shirts, but also enjoyed being a lady. She was honest, opinionated and unafraid to give advice and stand up for what she believed. Her interests were animals, nature, loving her family, playing organ and piano, gospel music, reading, walking and a fan of Garrison Keillor, Michael Perry and Jerry Apps.

She loved unconditionally and was hurt by acts of cruelty by man, to people, animals and our planet.

Survivors include her children, Vaughn (Barbara) Ramsden of Spring Green, Carlene Ramsden of Highland, Craig Ramsden of Highland, Victoria (Brian) Shanley of Onalaska, WI; special foster daughter, Corrina (Casey) Zoha of Montfort; siblings, LeRoy (Joan) Mellum of Waunakee, Jo Ann (Dean) Putz of Muscoda, David (Barbara) Mellum of Highland; other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vincent on August 29, 2014.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Rev. Ramon Orton will officiate with burial in the Avoca Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home and also on Wednesday at the funeral home from Noon until the time of services. Garrison Keillor said "We are all ordinary people....and that's alright"! [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

She wishes memorials to be given to the family to be used for animal care.

# Cemetery Details

## Avoca Cemetery

Village of Avoca, Iowa County  
Village of Avoca 532-6831

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
26777 Jelland Drive  
Richland Center, WI 53581  
(608) 647-6390  
josh@clarymemorial.com  
<https://clarymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Carol and Vince were great square dancers. We all had a great time together!* ”



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**Ken & Jean Kitsembel** - January 18, 2019 at 09:38 AM

CF

“ *Connie Fry-Hildreth lit a candle in memory of Carol E. Ramsden* ”



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**Connie Fry-Hildreth** - January 15, 2019 at 10:04 PM

CF

“ *I will always have a special place in my heart for Carol. She and Vince had the most sincere connection to our LORD and SAVOUR that I will cherish always. Now Carol and Vince are together and living the life GOD has promised all of us. RIP Carol* ”

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**Connie Fry-Hildreth** - January 15, 2019 at 10:02 PM

KP

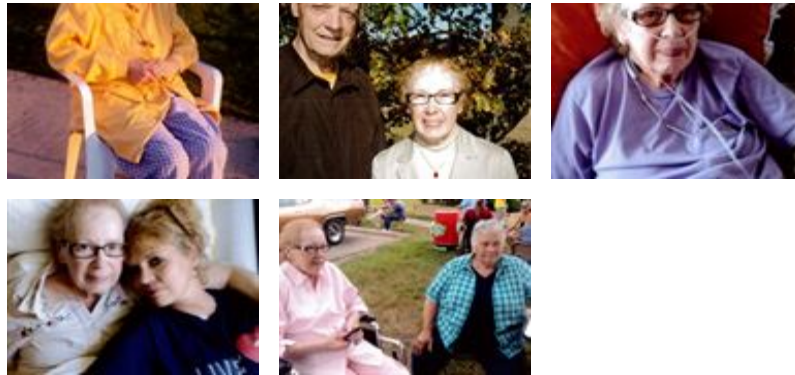
“ *To the Family of Carol - a remarkable Lady who has been called away from you far too soon - I offer my sincere sympathy. Carol will be missed and always remembered not only by all of you but also by the many other folks who have benefited from and appreciated Her talent, consideration, assistance and friendship. It was my good fortune so long ago to meet and know Carol. Ken Palzkill* ”

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**ken palzkill** - January 14, 2019 at 10:05 PM

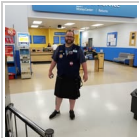


“ 151 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - January 14, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *Carol was one of the best people I have ever had the privilege to have known. She was generous, caring, and if you left her house hungry that was your fault. Many times she would offer to make me something when I was over. There are not many people like Carol in this world. The world is now a darker place without this angelic beacon of light.*

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**Jason Ketchmark** - January 14, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *Carol was a very kind and caring person. My sympathies go out to the Ramsden family. Vince and Carol made this world a better place.*

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**Kraig Walter** - January 13, 2019 at 12:56 PM

CR

“ Sympathy to all the family. Carol was a caring person who always put her family and friends first. I went on Many VIM trips with both Carol and Vince over the years. We share the same first name and she nick named me Ditto. Which we continued to address each other with when we met. So Ditto rest in peace for a job well done and hug Vince for me.

*Carol and Dave Rundell*

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**Carol Rundell** - January 12, 2019 at 07:03 PM

GW

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Carol. She is not alone Vincent and her are holding hands and smiling .

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**gloria wittnebel** - January 12, 2019 at 09:07 AM

CK

“ Carlin was such a wonderful lady I went up to see her a few years ago at her new home she took me around her home she was so proud of it and all the nucherl sarounding she had i very much enjoyed the time we spent together that day she well be missed i well always keep her in my ❤️

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**Corrina kosharek** - January 12, 2019 at 05:51 AM

CA

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family.  
*The Aultman Family*

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**Carol Aultman** - January 11, 2019 at 10:14 PM

KE

“ God bless you and your family. I'm sure Carol and Vince are together again.

Kathy Ewing - January 11, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JV

“ Jim and Dorothy Valiga purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Carol E. Ramsden.



Jim and Dorothy Valiga - January 10, 2019 at 11:15 PM

SP

“ Heaven has recieved a Angel. R.I.P. Carol. So nice to have had our visits n Hugs. Prayers to all family and friends. GOD BLESS.

Sharon Peat - January 10, 2019 at 08:49 PM

PL

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to all. Carol was an Awesome Foster Mom. R.I.P Mom



pamela Lehnherr - January 10, 2019 at 11:54 AM

RF

Carol was a very kind person. She worked hard and cared for others . Nancy and I send our best to her family and may God bring comfort to your hearts.

rich estrem fuller - January 13, 2019 at 04:46 PM