

Carolyn Enger

Carolyn Ann Maug Enger, 70, of rural Osseo, WI, died Thursday, January 28, 2016 in Rochester, MN.



Carolyn was born October 4, 1945 to Clarence and Avis (Anderson) Maug of rural Strum, WI. Carolyn graduated from Eleva-Strum High School in 1963 and then from the Minnesota School of Business. Carolyn worked in the Financial Aid Department at UW-Eau Claire leaving that position in 1968 to start her family. In 1989, Carolyn accepted a position as an Administrative Assistant in the Police Science Department of Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI where she continued to be employed until her retirement in 2008.

From a young age, Carolyn shared her love of music and talent for playing piano with her family, church, and close friends and neighbors. Throughout her life, Carolyn delighted in the music of others, dancing to old-time songs, and thoroughly enjoyed people.

Carolyn was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, WI. At Immanuel she took joy in teaching children and taught Sunday school for 30+ years; was the accompanist for years at the Sunday School Christmas Programs; and was a church choir, WELCA Circle group, and WELCA Ladies Aid member. She accompanied many vocal and instrumental soloists at church services, weddings, music festivals, and solo-ensembles.

Warm and nurturing, Carolyn raised her family with tenderness, love, and generosity. While raising her family, Carolyn was a member of Foster Homemaker's Club and volunteered as project leader and club leader for the Foster Town and Country 4-H Club in Eau Claire County. Carolyn was an avid reader and shared with relatives a special interest in researching and documenting the genealogy of her families' ancestry.

Carolyn was devoted to her Norwegian heritage and loved cooking for others. Each July, Carolyn attended the Nordic Fest in Decorah, IA and was thrilled to have attended the Norsk Hostfest in Minot, ND. She was an accomplished knitter, her talent was evident in her many hand-knit Nordic sweaters. She found happiness in her time rosemaling at home and with friends and taking classes at Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, IA the museum

where she was a life-time member. Carolyn made beautiful Hardanger pieces and delighted in the opportunity to teach and meet many people while instructing Hardanger classes in Eau Claire, WI and Osseo, WI. She shared her love for cooking in making sweets and dishes from family recipes, and she led the tradition of bringing family members, neighbors, and friends together for the family's annual Rosette making day each December.

Even though Carolyn had many interests and talents, her loved ones were most important to her.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Kenneth Enger; daughters Jackie Bischoff (James Rizzo) of Eau Claire, WI and Valerie (Robert) Herman of Osseo, WI; father Clarence Maug; brothers and sisters, David (Carol) Maug of Strum, Patricia Dekan (Jim German) of Brackett, Joanne (Steve) Herbenson of Eau Claire, and Wayne (Susan) Maug of Eleva; step-daughter, Lori (Glen) Zwiefelhofer of Chippewa Falls; step-son, Edward Enger (Christine) of Chippewa Falls; four grandchildren, Bjorn, Kaija, Barrent and Kari; step-grandchildren, Kaeli, Kari and Jacob; and first husband Roger Bischoff. She is further survived by several loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother Avis.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM, Thursday, February 4, 2016 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, WI. Rev. K.D. Taylor will officiate. Burial will follow in West Beef River Lutheran Cemetery in rural Strum, WI.

Friends may call from 4-8 PM, Wednesday at Schiefelbein Funeral Home in Osseo, WI. Friends may also call from 10:00 AM until the time of services at the church on Thursday.

Online condolences may be left at SchiefelbeinFuneralHome.com.