



Carolyn M.S.H. Caceres

May 20, 1925 - May 16, 2012

Carolyn M. Caceres, 87, died on May 16, 2012 at Clearwater Springs Assisted Living Facility in Vancouver, WA. She was born on May 20, 1925 to Peter and Josephine (Foss) Speerstra in Whitehall, WI where she graduated from Whitehall Memorial High School in 1943. Carolyn graduated from The Ancker Hospital School of Nursing in St. Paul, MN in 1946 and served her country as a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps during WW II. She was employed as a surgical nurse at Ancker Hospital, Queens Hospital, Honolulu, HI, and the Olaa Sugar Plantation Hospital in Hawaii. Carolyn married Gilbert Hay in 1949. They had been married 28 years at the time of his death in 1977. She married Sheridan Caceres on Aug. 6, 1978 and they made their home in Hilo, HI, Whitehall, WI and Vancouver, WA. Sheridan died in 1991. Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Judy (Clifford) LaVenture of Frederic, WI and two grandsons; brother, John (Karen) Speerstra of Randolph Center, VT; sister-in-law, Marilyn Speerstra of Whitehall, WI; two step-sons, Sheridan Caceres, Jr. and Clyde Joseph Caceres; several step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her family, Carolyn was blessed to have many loving and devoted friends. She will be sorely missed. Carolyn was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA where services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sun., May 20, 2012. Inurnment will be in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver. Instead of flowers, Carolyn's family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Today I am remembering Aunt Carolyn and wishing we could be together to celebrate her life. My sympathy to Cousin Judy and family, Uncle John and the Caceres families.*

Beth Cronin - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So many lovely memories of my dear Aunt Carolyn. A life well lived! My love to my cousin Judy and all of her family.*

Ellen Donaldson Allen - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carolyn my favorite travelling Aunt I am thinking of you and of all our family that mourn your passing today, gathered at your memorial and also spread out half way around the world. Godspeed my dear. Your loving nephew, Joel*

Joel Speerstra - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunts and Uncles can make all the difference, and The Aunt (as Carolyn always signed her messages to me) was one who did that. I am grateful for her life and for her part in mine. Condolences to all who must do without her now.*

Maren Donaldson Lewis - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My prayers go out to Judy LaVenture and her family at the death of her Mother, Carolyn Hay Caceres.*

John Speerstra - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM