



Charlene Margerum

March 12, 1943 - January 14, 2009

Charlene Louise Margerum passed away on Wednesday, January 14th at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Charlene was born to her parents Bertrand & Donna Warner on March 12, 1943 in Grand Forks, ND. Charlene was united in marriage to Charles F. Margerum on May 29, 1962 in Crookston, MN. Charlie and Charlene moved to Bertha, MN 38 years ago. Charlie passed away on November 6, 2004. Charlene was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and a member of the National Tuberous Sclerosis Assoc. She enjoyed Bridge club, cards, traveling, spending time with family and friends, playing piano and collecting Precious Moments, nutcrackers and Snow Village pieces. Charlene was the consummate wife and mother. Her life was defined by her loving marriage to Charlie and her love and care for her children and grandchildren. She was always involved in their interests and activities and never missed one in which they participated. Charlene had a lifelong priority of ensuring that Cory was loved and well cared for. She loved to laugh, tease, tell jokes, and had a great smile accompanied by a twinkle in her eye. Charlene loved to play cards with her family and friends. She never lost her competitive spirit but was always a gracious sport. Charlene was also an avid Twins fan. Charlene had great inner strength and faith. She battled cancer initially at the age of 43, and her family feels blessed to have had her in their lives the many years she survived. Charlene Margerum's gift of life is a celebration, and her memories a comfort for all. Charlene was also preceded in death by her mother, Donna. She is survived by her daughter Christi (John)

Newell of Maple Grove, sons; Curtis (Tracy) of Stafford, Virginia, Chad (Dianne) of Monticello and Cory of Wadena; grandchildren Karly, Kristopher, Logan & Jace; her father Bertrand (Judy) of Pembina, ND; sisters Linda Warner of Plymouth and Gaye (Ron) Fritz of Pembina, ND. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 21st at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Rev. Blake Rickbeil officiating. Pallbearers will be Ronald Fritz, Chuck Headley, John Kelley, James Margerum, Richard Margerum, William Margerum, James Novacek, Ken Thompson, Victor Wald, and Steve Pauley. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Charlene's nephews and grandsons. Interment will take place in the Pembina City Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ We were sorry to hear of the passing of Charlene or Mrs. Margerum as she had been known to our family for the past two years our oldest son Josh had tended to her yard in the summer months as well as this winter she will be sadly missed and our deepest condolences go to you all and are prayers are with you as well.

*The Paul Olson family
Bertha, MN*

Paul and Sharyl Olson and Family - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Margerum family,
Sorry to hear of Charlenes passing please know your family is in my prayers.

Kevin Ross - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Margerum Family,

We are all so sorry for your loss.

Scott Adams and Family - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Charlene was my life-long friend from childhood. She and Almae became fast friends when we lived in married housing at Mayville State University in the early 60's.*

After leaving college, we visited with Charlene and Charles only on occasion because of differences in location. What was intriguing about Charlene, was she could continue the conversation as if time hadn't passed even if it had been years since the last visit.

We were fortunate to have visited with Charlene at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester before her passing. She was interested in hearing the news of people we knew in common. She cared about everyone she knew and was always engaged and exciting to be with. Her death will certainly leave a void. John and Almae Larson

John Larson - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Paul and I are so sorry to hear of the passing away of Charlene. We know Charlie greeted her with open arms as she entered the gates of Heaven.*

Paul/Claire Margerum - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Curt and Family:

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I remember your mom being present at every high school athletic event, musical concert or theater performance that I attended. I am sure you have some very special memories of her as well. She was a special person to many people and to her community as well and will be missed greatly.

*Take care--
Dianne*

Dianne (Voge) Koch - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *charlene was always a good friend and i will miss her--always smiling and full of fun*

dennis warner - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Charlene was such an angel to me..I will miss her.*

Julie Kunkel - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Charlene's Family,

So privileged to be able to send this message to you about your dear mother. I'm am so, so sorry to hear of her passing. It doesn't seem to matter when we lose a loved one, they are so missed every day forward. My mother was 93 years of age and I think of her and still miss her everyday.

I am so thankful that I was able to have such a nice visit with Charlene at Aunt Doris's birthday party in Laughlin, NV Thanksgiving weekend. She had such fun, and like you know, loved telling jokes and laughing, and seemed to enjoy visiting with all the relatives. And most of all updating us on her family and showing us pictures of her grandchildren.

We will miss her deeply. She has touched our hearts.

Lovingly,

*Janet & Tony
McGrath*

Janet Watson McGrath - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Margerum Family,*

Sorry to hear of Charlene's passing. She was a great mother to Cory! Always thinking of him and how he was doing. He enjoyed her visits alot. He really enjoyed her sitting with him and watching baseball on TV while holding his hand. I think he then slept through most of the game. My thoughts are with your family.

*God Bless
Teresa Manselle
Wadena*

Teresa Manselle - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charlene Margerum*

January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Curt, Christie, Chad and families: I'm saddened to hear of your mom's passing. She was always very kind and I have never forgotten her bright eyes, intellect and compassion. I felt very lucky to have known her and your father and thankful they allowed us to play often as children. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult transition.*

Deb (Greenwaldt) Meyer - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *I'm sorry that your family has lost both Charlene and Charlie. It was very hard for me when my father passed, I know your loss. It's A comfort too know that they are together now. Keep the faith. Jane*

Jane Dettmer (Samuelson) - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Christi -
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She stands out in my mind as always gracious.
We attended a computer class together sometime back and my thought was "what a timeless beauty!"
My prayers are with you and your brothers.

Lynnette (Goeden) Fellman - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ To Charlene's family,
It took me a while to get up the courage to view the photos as I knew how sad it would make me feel. It shows just how short one's first life is. You have beautiful memories in photos. Thank you for sharing them. What I will remember about your mom is that she was usually laughing and liked to have a good time. Through her years of illness, she was always strong in spirit. It seems like only yesterday she was a young mother raising her family. And a fine family she raised! She will be missed by so many.

Deborah Vosper - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Charlene and Charlie were a huge part of my teenage years. The door was always open to me as was their whole family. As time has gone by I have looked back and now realize what an impact of love they both made on my young heart at that time. God Bless you all...He did with the parents and grandparents He gave you. I pray those memories with them grow sweeter each day. I am blessed to be able to tell my own kids stories with smiles and tears. Love,
Karen

Karen Wander - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ Curtis,
I am so sorry for your loss of your mother and can only say to remember the days she was alive. We have loss at least two other classmates, which really hurts and should not have been so early and now we have to deal with our parents leaving us in such away, all we can do is shed tears. Love Ya Curt. Angie (Bogatzki) Long

Angela Long (Bogatzki) - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My condolences for you loss. I pray the Lord will give you strength and that you remember the quality of the time you spent her.*

Dan Skolte - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM