



## Cora Meinhardt

December 7, 1933 - June 26, 2013

The funeral service for Cora Meinhardt, of Wadena, MN will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 AM until the time of services. Cora passed away peacefully on Wednesday June 26, 2013, in Minneapolis, MN surrounded by her loving husband, family and friends. She did not recover from injuries suffered in a car accident 8 days prior in Hutchinson, MN.

Cora Ione Olson was born near Menahga, MN, the youngest of 11 children, to Alben and Sybil (Johnson) Olson on December 7, 1933. She became an elementary school teacher and taught for a year in a one-room school near Menahga. She also taught school near Fargo, ND and in Moorhead, MN before her marriage.

On July 6, 1956 she married Raymond Meinhardt from Gwinner, ND. They lived and raised their three children in North Dakota, Texas, Iowa and Minnesota. Cora continued teaching for many years in Minnesota. She traveled with her husband to visit friends in several countries in her later years including Mexico, Greece, Haiti, Lebanon and Israel. Cora was a tireless and fearless champion for justice, and defender of those in need. Her heart and home were open to any and all who came to her door. Many strangers became her friend because of this. Cora was deeply loved and adored by

many.

Cora is preceded in death by her parents; a twin brother and sister less than a week old; brothers Arnold 4 years old, Dale (Doris) Olson, John (Edith) Olson; and sisters Shirley (Arthur) Torkkola and Arlene (Walter) Hedin.

Cora is survived by her husband Raymond; children Craig Meinhardt, Rachel (Pedro) Becquer, Kristine (Steven) Lockhart; grandchildren Pedro Jr., Ana, Jessica (Nathan) Zaic, Jeremy, Jaclyn; great grandchildren James and Adaline; brother Ansel (Ruth) Olson; and sisters Oneita (Russell) Quick and Ethel (Richard) Benson.

Interment will be at Wadena Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church - Wadena  
1428 Jefferson St. S.  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DQ

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Ray & family. So sorry for your loss of Cora. We have fond memories of you & Cora and was saddened to hear the news of your accident.*

*Dave & Evie Quick*

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**Dave & Evie Quick** - July 02, 2013 at 08:48 PM

AF

“ *Dear Ray and Family,  
Thinking of you in the loss of dear Cora. We are thankful for the comfort of what she gave her heart to....serving the Lord.  
With Sympathy, Anita Forsberg*

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**Anita Forsberg** - July 02, 2013 at 05:28 PM

DM

“ *Dear Ray and family,  
  
Thinking of you during this difficult experience. May God bestow his comfort and care upon you in your sadness and sorrow in the coming days.*

*With care and sympathy,  
Gary and Diane Myers*

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**Diane Myers** - July 01, 2013 at 11:14 PM

CP

“ Dear Friends,

*I am so sad to hear about Cora. She has a special place in my heart. Always eager to help young people meet each other, pot lucks, warm hugs, always having encouraging words, and an ever curious mind are what come to mind as I think of her.*

*It has been a privilege to have known and loved her.*

*My heart and prayers are with all of you.*

*Love, Carrie Peterson-Parsley*

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**Carrie Parsley** - July 01, 2013 at 01:28 PM

BF

“ Dear Ray, family and friends of Cora,

*So thinking of all of you during this very hard and sad experience. I always loved Cora with memories of when she roomed with my sister Marilyn in Fargo at the Johnsons. And loved seeing Ray and Cora at my brother Jim and Helen Wheelers 60th anniversary a couple of years ago in Sebeka. Our families have known each other forever and so it is like losing family and feeling your sorrow. Will be with all of you in spirit tomorrow though across the miles.*

*Barbara Wheeler Floyd*

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**Barbara Wheeler Floyd** - July 01, 2013 at 10:59 AM

BH

“ Dear Ray and family,  
We've been thinking of you all so much these days. Memories of your family go back to childhood days. And now, we've enjoyed these past years meeting in your home, so lots of good recent memories as well. We will miss her. She had such care for people, and we always appreciated that. Our love, Bob & Viv

Bob&Viv Hansen - July 01, 2013 at 10:14 AM

EB

“ Dear Ray and family, We have been thinking of you so much since the accident and especially since Cora's passing. We know it is a very difficult experience for all of you. We have very good memories of time spent with you and Cora and especially the last years when your dad Carl was there in Wadena. May you find comfort at this time from the God of all Comfort. Eric and Evelyn Butcher

Eric and Evelyn Butcher - June 30, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ Kris Lockhart purchased the Moonlit Walk Casket Insert for the family of Cora Meinhardt.



Kris Lockhart - June 30, 2013 at 01:13 PM

CS

“ Dear Ray, Craig, Rachel, Chris and Family,

*I have so many special memories of times together and Cora was the one who brought us together. She cared deeply about others and always made us feel welcome with good food and fellowship.*

*Dorie and I are so sorry to hear about your loss and injuries. We are comforted to know that Cora will rest in peace abiding forever with our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time of sorrow.*

*Charles and Dorie Sterling*

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**Charles Sterling** - June 30, 2013 at 07:31 AM

BB

“ Dear Ray, Chris, Craig & Rachel & families,

*We are feeling for every one of you. Your Wife, Mother, Grandma was a special lady with a very big heart for all. I have a lot of good memories of times with her in their home in Golden Valley & Wadena too. Anyways, we just want to let you know we care and are thinking of you all! Love, Hank & Beatta Burchill*

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**Beatta Burchill** - June 29, 2013 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ To all of Cora's family, my condolences at this sad time. I always enjoyed visiting with Cora at various cultural events or just meeting at a store in Wadena. She will be remembered as a strong, grace-filled woman! Diane S. Anderson

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**Diane Anderson** - June 29, 2013 at 08:39 PM

DJ

“ We are so saddened to hear of the tragic accident and passing of your dear wife, Cora, Ray. We have such fond memories of spending time with you & your family. How wonderful it was that you came to help us paint our new home in New Brighton ...while we were awaiting the arrival of our 2nd son. And, all the fondue parties we shared together year after year. Memories are sweet. Cora was so sweet and will be missed so much. We pray for your strength.  
Hugs, Dale & Gladys Johnson

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**Dale & Gladys Johnson** - June 29, 2013 at 07:02 PM

DA

“ Dear Ray and Children Were deeply saddend to hear of the accident and your injuries and Cora's passing. We have many pleasant memories of your family as you met with us for the Sunday morning meeting. You are in our prayers and may the Lord grant you guidance in this time of sorrow.

*Don & Dorothy Anderson*

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**Don Anderson** - June 29, 2013 at 05:19 PM

IS

“ Dear Ray and Family, We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and care are with you during this difficult time.

*Duane and Iris Schraw*

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**Iris Schras** - June 29, 2013 at 03:11 PM

JK

“ Dear Ray, Chris, Craig, Rachel & family,

*Thinking of you at this difficult time, remembering past days.  
Sincere sympathy in your loss.*

*Kindest regards, Jon Knochenmus*

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**Jon Knochenmus** - June 29, 2013 at 09:02 AM

MN

“ Ray and family,

*Myrna and I have been thinking of you these last couple of weeks.  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Merlin and Myrna*

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**Merlin and Myrna Nelson** - June 29, 2013 at 05:43 AM

 Henry  
Miller

“ Dear Ray,

*I have many wonderful memories of you and Cora every sunday. My  
thoughts are with you.*

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**Henry Miller** - June 29, 2013 at 05:42 AM

DH

“ *Our Dear Ray and family -*

*We were always so deeply moved by your faith in God's plan for your lives.*

*At this time we know your trust will guide you through such a deep, sudden grief and loss.*

*Our thoughts and care are with you and will continue to be expressed before His throne.*

*Duane & Joan Hinkley*

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**Duane & Joan Hinkley** - June 28, 2013 at 08:21 PM

RW

“ *Dear Ray and family,*

*Our thoughts a with you in your loss and ours. We are glad for the pleasant memories we have of our dear Cora. Cora was a servant and had a deep care for everyone. Sorry we cannot be present with you, but your are very much in our thoughts. Ruth*

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**Ruth Warner** - June 28, 2013 at 05:17 PM

LK

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss, but know that God is a God of comfort and you are in His care. Our love to you and yours always. Mike and Lois*

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**Lois Kramer** - June 28, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ Dear Ray and family,  
So sorry to hear of your accident, Cora's death and your injuries.  
What a tragedy for all. We knew Cora and family well in 54-56 when  
we lived in Fergus Falls. We hope you recover well. Thelma is gone  
but I extend deepest sympathy. Wilfred Aarestad.

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**Wilfred Aarestad** - June 28, 2013 at 02:27 PM



“ Dear Ray and Family, we are so sorry for your loss and the  
accident. Your family has always been so kind and a wonderful  
example for us. Please know you are in our thoughts and we wish  
you a speedy recovery. Love, Jan and Bev Noles in Grand Rapids

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**Jan Noles** - June 27, 2013 at 10:58 PM



Dear Ray and Family. We are so sad to hear of Cora's death and hope  
you will continue to recover. We did not know you well, but you were  
always at Parkers Prairie and we know you were a support to all who  
crossed your path. We will sorely miss her. I always  
admired her beautiful white hair, altho I doubt if I ever told her. Wish I  
would have. She was a beautiful lady. Lorene (and Vernon) Foner

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**Lorene Foner** - June 30, 2013 at 08:19 PM



RAY AND FAMILY, I WILL MISS AUNT CORA DEEPLY ! I PRAY FOR  
ALL OF YOU THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SOME COMFORT  
JULIE ROBINSON

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**JULIE ROBINSON** - July 02, 2013 at 06:00 AM