

## Carole Bjerketvedt

Carole Joy (Westad) Bjerketvedt of Clitherall died Thursday, July 18, 1985 at St. Lukes Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota at age 35 following a motorcycle-car accident.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 22, 1985 at First Lutheran Church of Alexandria, where she was still a member, with Rev. Keith Lentz and Rev. Robert Hawkinson officiating. Hymns included, "Our Hope Is Built On Solid Rock" by the congregation and two solos "Children of Our Heavenly Father" and "How Great Thou Art" by Rev. Keith Lentz.

The following tribute was written by Carole's brother Dean and read by Rev. Lentz.

You entered our lives as Carole Joy, the 4th of 5 children born to Russell and Bernice Westad. Your name was fitting - always joyful, always cheerful. Your early and happy childhood days were spent trying to hold your own within a family of four brothers. You managed quite well, considering - always maintaining your identity and independence. Grade school days were spent in rural Battle Lake, part of high school in Parkers Prairie and you graduated from Jefferson Senior High School in Alexandria in 1968. You weren't a great lover of academia - having fun

seemed to be a priority. You eventually mastered the art of having a good time. Sometime after high school you captured the heart of Orly and became Carole Bjerketvedt on February 28, 1970. It was apparent to all who knew you both that you were close partners, that you shared in your sorrows and triumphs.

Your home was frequently a focal point for gatherings of friends and family. You loved to entertain and had a special way of making everyone feel comfortable at your home. Your most recent home at Clitherall Lake was a warm and wonderful place for "get togethers" of all kinds. It quickly became a favorite for a weekend or just a restful afternoon. Family and friends have many fond memories of the special events you hosted - family picnics, fishing outings, water volleyball, and horseshoe contests. But, it was your presence, warmth, and joy that we remember most.

For all of us who care about you and love you, your leaving was much too sudden and far too soon. But in this moment of our greatest sorrow, we can take comfort in knowing your spirit lives on and that you have once again returned to the loving arms of He who first gave you to us. All the good memories will live on in our hearts. Thank you for sharing your

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joy, your love, and your laughter. Goodbye, Sis. We all miss you very much. We love you.

She is survived by her husband Orly Bjerketvedt of Clitherall; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Russell Westad of Alexandria, four brothers: Gary Westad, Dean Westad, Donald Westad, and Mark Westad, two nieces, Kimberly and Christy, and one nephew Jason Westad.

Pallbearers were Alan Westad, Clinton Bengson, Dale Jacobson, Delmer Klimek, Charles Jorud, Jr., and Bruce Runningen.

Honorary Pallbearers were Norman Holt, Luther Westad, Teddy Bjerketvedt, Dale Gillespie, Virgil Evavold and Jerome Swenson.

Organist was Kris Willert.

Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens at Alexandria.

Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home.



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