



## Carole King Jefferson

April 27, 1943 - December 22, 2011

Carole Ruth King was born on April 27, 1943 in Fargo, ND to Guilford and Ruth (Johnson) King. She attended public school in Arthur, ND and Casselton, ND, where she was a 1961 graduate of Lincoln High School. In 1963, she earned an AA degree at Hesston College, Hesston, KS.

From 1963 to 1971, she worked as a bank teller and for the telephone company in Casselton and Fargo, ND. She volunteered with the Mennonite Central Committee for a year in the Netherlands.

Upon her return to the US, she attended Valley City State College, graduating in 1973 with an Education/Library Science degree. She worked at the Moorhead State University library from 1973-1975.

In June 1975, she married Ken Jefferson of Litchville, ND. They made their home on a farm near Litchville. She worked in the library at Valley City State College, which is now Valley City State University, from 1975-2007.

She was active in First Lutheran Church, Litchville, where she served on various boards and was a member of Mary Circle. Carole was a past board member of the Litchville Public School District. She enjoyed membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, serving in local and state levels.

Carole was an avid reader and encouraged this interest for her nieces and nephews as well as the many other children in her life.

She was a 45 year survivor of ovarian cancer and participated in local Relay for Life fundraisers over the years. She was generous with her time and resources. One thing she liked helping with was the local Crop Walk.

Carole will be greatly missed by all. She died at her home under the care of her husband, sisters, and Hospice of the Red River Valley on December 22, 2011, after a difficult struggle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Ken of Litchville; sisters, Mary (Jim) Wenger of Vancouver, WA, Kathy Stevens of Page, ND, and Pearl (Murray) Patterson of Fargo, ND; a brother, Hal (Gillian) King of Sydney, NSW, Australia; 10 nieces and nephews; 12 great nieces and nephews; and her "adopted" mother, Margaret "Peggy" Rose of Valley City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Wayne; baby sister, Irene; and a great niece, Santana Andrade.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carole was a member of my relay for life team back when it first started in valley city. We had many good times, laughing and sharing stories. What a privelege it was to celebrate with her all the years she was cancer free. She was an inspiration to many and will be truely missed.##imported-begin##Julie May##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2012 at 12:24 PM



“ *Carole was such a lovely person. Her community and many friends will dearly miss her enthusiasm, generosity and kindness.##imported-begin##Tricia Velure Nissen; Jack and Lennie Velure##imported-end##*

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December 30, 2011 at 10:33 AM



“ *Ken, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I have many memories of you and Carole. I always enjoyed waiting on her in the grocery store. She was always so pleasant and always smiling.*

*God bless you.*

*Tammy, Vince, Bethany and Logan McCleary (Erickson)##imported-begin##Tammy (Erickson) McCleary##imported-end##*

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December 28, 2011 at 11:33 PM



“ *Carole was a great mentor for my educational and professional life. She helped me through library minor at VCSU and helped me learn serials when I started my new duties at Jamestown College. Carole was very supportive. I enjoyed her professional attitude. I am sure she will be missed by her family and friends and this library professional.##imported-begin##Brenda Fischer##imported-end##*

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December 28, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR ALL of YOU, CAROLE was such a neat lady, caring, loving from her heart, she will be sorrowfully missed. My love and prayers to all of you. sincerely, her cousin, Joan Delp##imported-begin##JOAN DELP##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2011 at 08:40 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carole's family during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Doug Panchot Family##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ *Thought and prayers are with Ken and Carole's family. We always enjoyed our times together, she will be missed.##imported-begin##Alan and Mary Lou Radermacher##imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 11:50 PM



“ *King Family,*  
*When things like this happen, it really brings back lots of memories. I have many fond memories of your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May Carol rest in peace!##imported-begin##Dick and Irene Sinner##imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are so saddened by the loss of Carole. She was very special. As we both were among the five cousins born in the Johnson family in 1943, I remember lots of special times and a special bond as we all grew up together. Her faith and caring for others set an example for all of us to follow. During Carole's last illness my precious sister Becky kept us informed of Carole's condition as it progressed. Now they are together in God's presence, having both passed away the same morning. We are grieving the loss of both of them but are praying that God gives us all comfort in our beautiful memories.##imported-begin##David and Priscilla Johnson##imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ *Dear Ken, We were so sorry to hear of Carole's passing. I had visited with her a few weeks ago and always enjoyed those visits. She will be missed, we hold you in our many thoughts and prayers. Cindy & Todd Vogel##imported-begin##Cindy Vogel##imported-end##*

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December 25, 2011 at 11:39 PM



“ Dear Ken & Family, Sorry to hear of Carole's passing. May the Special Memories bring you Peace. You are in my thought & prayers. Lois###imported-begin###Lois Flatau###imported-end##

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December 25, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“ My sincere condolences go to Carole's family. Carole was in my sister Irene's class and I was in her brother Wayne's class. It is hard to lose old friends.###imported-begin###Jane Byram###imported-end##

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December 25, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Carole when I did work study under her while attending VCSU and getting my library science minor. I have always enjoyed my visits with her through the years when I stopped in at the library and we ran into each other in Valley City. She will be missed by many and was such a caring person. May you find strength at this difficult time knowing that she is pain free and enjoying eternal life.###imported-begin###Beth (Holm) Undem###imported-end##

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December 25, 2011 at 04:57 AM



“ Dear Ken and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Carole. She was a great friend and I have many fond memories of the times we spent together in school in Casselton. Please know that my prayers are with you all. I know that she earned a place right next to Him in heaven. My deepest sympathy to you all.*

*Irene Byram Tozzi##imported-begin##Irene Byram Tozzi##imported-end##*

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December 24, 2011 at 10:14 PM



“ Dear Ken and Family, Shirley and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Take with you, all of those precious memories, and relive them. We so much enjoyed all the family reunions, both around the country and also the "local" gatherings on our backyard deck. Dave and Shirley##imported-begin##Dave and Shirley Miller##imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 05:13 PM



“ Carole was an angel to our mother Peggy Rose. We are going to miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Diane and Don Rose##imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 04:35 PM



“ Dear family of Carole, (aka CKJ)  
Just know how I loved Carole both as a dear friend and as a co-worker at VCSU for 27 years. She was determined to see through those activities that she believed in. She was so caring, loving and generous. She now is at peace, without pain, and with our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Pat Beil###imported-begin###Pat Beil###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ Ken, I moved away before you married and only met Carole at those functions where you don't have a lot of time to gain time lost. But I have always remembered our roots from St. Thomas days and wanted you to know that I have often thought of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and hope the memories of Carole's life give you strength and comfort at this time.###imported-begin###Lorne L Monson###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ I worked with Carole at VCSU when I was on staff there and very much liked and respected her. She was good at her job and friendly and so very helpful to we teachers. My thoughts are with you, her family.

Noreen Braun###imported-begin###Noreen Braun###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I first met Carole when she would come to church at Epworth with Peggy. She always had a friendly smile and was interested to visit with me about my family and life. She had a smile that would light up the room and a heart of gold. Later when I attended VCSU, she was my library friend and helpful when ever I needed it! She was truly a friend.##imported-begin##nicole powers##imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ Kenny,  
I was very sorry to hear that your wife has passed away. You will be in our thoughts and prayers these days.##imported-begin##Dale H##imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 08:36 AM



“ Those who have given of themselves to others will live forever in every single heart they have touched.  
Carole, touched a lot of lives, we will remember her always.  
  
Sharing in your sorrow and praying that God grants you peace.##imported-begin##Gene & Barb Johnson##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 10:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mary, Kathy, Pearl and Hal-I have fond memories of the times we spent together at school and Bible school at the Mennonite Church. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Susan Piper Boyle##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 10:39 PM



“ Our love and blessings to you all.##imported-begin##Dean and Grace Schantz##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 07:25 PM



“ Love and Prayers to all of the family. We will miss you Carole.  
Love,  
Debbie and Tony##imported-begin##Tony and Debbie Hooper##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and carry you through this time in your life.##imported-begin##Kathy and Joe Schuchard##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ Know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. As you each take steps in this journey my prayer is that you will in time, have PEACE.  
Much love,  
Mike, Loree, AJ, Elisabeth & Katharine##imported-begin##Mike & Loree Patnode##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 04:29 PM



“ Dear Ken and family, So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.##imported-begin##Sue Riley##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ Ken and family,  
We are keeping you all in our daily thoughts and prayers. God Bless  
you all now and in the coming days ahead.  
We are so glad that Carole was able to be at the Family Reunion  
this past summer and we were able to visit with her. Take care.  
Love and Prayers  
Roy and Sheryl###imported-begin###Roy & Sheryl  
Johnson###imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 09:44 AM



“ My sympathy to you and your family Kate. You have been in my  
prayers. Love you!###imported-begin###Judy Johnson###imported-  
end##

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December 22, 2011 at 09:56 PM