



Carol Sue Hodgkin

April 24, 1937 - September 5, 2020

Carol Sue Hodgkin, age 83, of Spring Lake passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020, at home. She was born April 24, 1937, in Lansing, MI to John and Suzanne (Chlebo) Hodgkin.

Carol graduated from Michigan State University with three Master's Degrees in the arts. She worked as an art teacher (and was known as the "art lady") in the Grand Haven and Spring Lake School systems for many years. Carol was an accomplished artist with her paintings adorning the walls of many places in the Tri Cities. She was a member of The United Methodist Church of the Dunes, an avid golfer, gardener, reader, cook, and loved watching the animals and birds. Carol loved live theatre; her love of theatre and arts inspired her nieces and nephews to pursue fields in the arts.

She is lovingly remembered by her brother, Richard J. Hodgkin; two nieces, Karen (Scott) Burdick and Michelle (Craig) Elliott; two nephews, David (Naomi) Hodgkin and John (Holly) Hodgkin; ten great nieces and nephews; and five great-great- nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 11, 2020, at Spring Lake Cemetery with Rev. Eldon Eldred officiating. Memorials to the ALS Foundation are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St, Spring Lake, MI 49456. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.

Cemetery

Events

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road 11

Spring Lake, MI, 49456

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Graveside Service

11:00AM

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Comments



“ Aunt Carol was one amazing person! She always encouraged you to be yourself and to create however you wanted to. We were all her children and she loved us each and everyone! Beyond her art and golf she loved her animals including her two kitties (who are blessed to have a home with her great niece Soni and family.) The other animals that she loved were all of the deer and turkeys and birds and squirrels and chipmunks and skunks and possums and geese and ducks and on and on and on. Her dear friend Chris would make sure that they were fed every day. When I think of her I think of all of the wonderful things she gave to each of us especially her love! You are in our hearts forever and we will miss you so much. We love you Aunt Carol.

Michelle Elliott - October 17, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ I have fond memories from Ms. Hodgkin's art class in junior high. She helped generations of students learn the basics of art and hone their creative thinking skills-- what a wonderful legacy.
Tina Dee

Tina Dee - September 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Carols family, she was such an amazing women, loved her dearly. We had so much fun at Grand Haven Golf we were partners what a blast, Carol hated to put her tea in the ground so I would always do it for her(my pleasure) then she would continue to play fantastic golf. friends & I would visit after her tractor accident. I will never forget her she was very special to me & my daughter Nancy Palmer. Helen Polak

Helen Polak - September 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.I know Aunt Carol's light will be with you always. Sending prayers and love for a day of sharing wonderful memories.

Bev Tippett - September 11, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Ms. Hodgkin was my junior high art teacher and friend. She always shared her sense of humor and taught me so much! She gave me confidence as an artist and as a person. I know she shared these same traits with so many others and we are all better for having known her. She will be missed!

Becky Park - September 10, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ The "art lady" would come to my kindergarten room to teach my class. This was supposed to be my planning time, but I could not miss out on the stories she told or the projects the children were going to create. I ended up staying for art too. Carol and others at Ferrysburg school organized great times for the teachers to enjoy comradery by cooking spaghetti suppers and inviting staff and spouses to eat and play volley ball at school. She was truly a rare gem who enjoyed what she did and it showed. She was magical and creative and a no nonsense lady. I will miss her until we meet again.

Karen Ralya - September 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ My aunt Carol was in fact my Great Aunt. Emphasis on great, she encouraged artistic pursuit in any endeavor. She provided myself and all in my family with anything that was needed to express their Art. From paper and pastel to oil paint or the inspiration to act as Shakespeare would have wanted. She was a true patron of those that want to create. I'm a better person because of her influence. Thanks Rollo!

Eric Burdick - September 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Hodgkin.



September 09, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Carol was at the Grand Haven Junior High when I joined the staff in 1989, I remember her walking around in her white art coat and making everyone laugh with her very dry humor. See was special to so many students. Marcia Klemp

Marcia Klemp - September 09, 2020 at 05:05 PM