



Gwen Henningsen

April 14, 1933 - June 6, 2018

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MOUNT PLEASANT - Gwendolyn Elizabeth Henningsen, 85, passed away on June 6, 2018. She was born in Olds, Alberta on April 14, 1933 to Warren and Mable (Roy) Kemp. She lived in Olds until 1956, and attended business school at Olds Community College. In Edmonton, AB, she met Carlo Henningsen as he came out of the Artic, and they were married on July 13th, 1957. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Racine area.

Gwen is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Carlo; son, Henning; daughter-in-law, Ginny; and grandchildren, Erika and Ryan. She is also survived by her sisters, Shirley Christie of Lethbridge, Alberta and Joy Munro of Kelowna, British Columbia, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by a third sister, Marion Dunbar, of Medicine Hat, AB. While Gwen spent the majority of her life in the U.S., she treasured her Canadian family, along with her family and friends in Wisconsin.

In Racine, Gwen worked in the police department and Western Publishing, in addition to caring for her son and husband. Gwen went back to school and received her degree in Library Science from Gateway Technical College. She then worked for the Racine Unified School District, at the Gilmore and J.I. Case school libraries until her retirement. Gwen was a long-time member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. After retiring, Gwen donated her time to many causes, enjoyed church retreats, Bible study, and activities with her Red Hat friends. She loved to knit and crochet, and was well-known for her 'scrubbers'.

Funeral services will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 40 Ohio Street, Racine, WI, on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Gwen will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park. There will be a visitation at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

In honor of her church family, donations toward the church children's and choir programs are suggested in lieu of flowers.

The family would like to thank the staff at Azura Memory Care (Oconomowoc), Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, and Hometown Health Hospice for their loving care of Gwen.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
40 Ohio Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

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Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwen Henningsen*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 14, 2018 at 12:33 PM

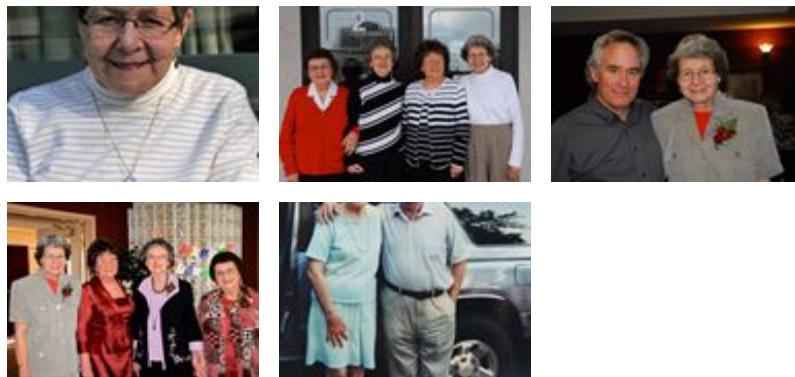


“ *Gwen and Carlo are a loving couple and two of the finest people I have ever known. I thank God for the honor of being touched by your lives. With very much love, Claudia Kirgues - Azura Memory Care*

Claudia Kirgues - Azura Memory Care - June 17, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ I remember Gwen as a very caring and understanding person. As a librarian, she was skilled at using her knowledge of available resources to guide students in the right direction. Her standout quality was the way she listened to you attentively and actively, with her warm smile and tender regard. Thank you, Gwen, for your incredible kindness.

Claire Wagner

Claire Wagner - June 14, 2018 at 06:09 AM

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“ Ann Stokman lit a candle in memory of Gwen Henningsen



Ann Stokman - June 13, 2018 at 04:43 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gwen Henningsen.



June 12, 2018 at 05:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gwen Henningsen.*



June 11, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ *Dear Carlo and family,
Carlo, when I think of three things that would describe the Gwen I use to know, it would be these: Her wide ranging intelligence (we had some great conversations over a wide range of subjects), her caring compassion (she always knew what to say as I was going through multiple surgeries) and her sense of humor (this is exemplified by the humor that you see in the TV comedy "MASH"). The earth was a kinder, better place with Gwen in it. I have since returned to First Presbyterian here in Racine so you might have trouble remembering me. Dave and Doug Shimp are my sons and I think you know one or both of them. I'm not sure if you knew my daughter, Linda. Gwen and I had decided that we would go laughing and singing and skipping into Heaven and fly to the top of a few trees while we were at it. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Love and prayers,
Louise Elizabeth Shapley ishapley@sbcglobal.net*

3919 Ruby Ave. #122 Racine, WI 53402

Louise Shapley - June 11, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gwen Henningsen.* ”



June 10, 2018 at 04:29 PM