

Carol Schwarting – Diploma 1946 Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing

Carol Schwarting, 90, New Salem, died Feb. 8, 2015, at Elm Crest Manor, New Salem. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Peace Church, New Salem, with the Rev. Joshua Eddy officiating. Burial will be at Peace Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Elm Crest Manor, New Salem, and from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at Peace Church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Carol was born Dec. 4, 1924, in New Salem, to William and Erna (Lueder) Westermann. Graduating from New Salem High School in 1943, she then traveled to the west coast and worked as a welder's assistant during World War II.

After a short time in Washington, she returned to North Dakota and went through nurse's training at the Bismarck Hospital, graduating in 1946. Carol joined the Cadet Nurse Corp during her training, and upon graduation worked for a few months at the Crippled Children's School in Jamestown. Several nurses were heading to Seattle and Carol joined them, working at West Seattle Hospital and Bremerton Hospital. She worked there until the summer of 1947 when she returned to New Salem and married Raymond Schwarting on Aug. 10. They moved to Fargo and she worked at St. Luke's Hospital and for Public Health. Ray finished his business course in Fargo and they moved to Bismarck. Carol worked at Bismarck Evangelical Hospital, now Sanford.

In 1948, Ray and Carol moved to the Schwarting farm north of New Salem. Their son, Steven, was born while they lived on the farm. Moving into New Salem in 1958, Carol gave allergy shots to many people at their request. She and another nurse formed the Nurses Club in New Salem with about 10 members.

Carol was very active in Peace Church, teaching high school Sunday school for more than 20 years, and was a pianist for Women's Guild for over 50 years. She maintained a very close relationship with many nursing classmates throughout her life. Carol and Ray made many trips to Washington and Oregon, visiting former nurse classmates, her brother, Waldon, and family, and other relatives. In earlier years, a lot of time was spent boating and water skiing with family. A kind and giving woman who loved to help others, Carol will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Blessed to have shared her life is her son, Steven Schwarting, New Salem; two granddaughters, Kristelle and Jennifer Schwarting; three grandchildren, Sierra and Colton Kunz and Breanna Schwarting; one brother, Waldon (Lois) Westermann, Spokane, Wash.; and her sister-in-law, Martha Westermann, Willmar, Minn.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray, in 2008; one brother, Duane Westermann; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, LeRoy and Marie Schwarting and Nora and Erwin Klusmann; and two nephews, Clark Schwarting and Wesley Westermann.