



Grace Darlene Caffey

March 31, 1925 - October 12, 2017

Grace Darlene Caffey, 92 of Cloquet, peacefully slipped away from us and into the loving arms of Jesus on October 12, 2017.

She was born in 1925 in Pukwana, South Dakota to John D. Sweeting age 61, and Rose Wood Sweeting who was blind. She was the youngest of four siblings, all legally blind. Encouraged by Doris Jones, a shop-keeper in town, Grace attended RN training at the Methodist State Hospital in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Grace was married to Fred Robert Newlon in 1947 and lived happily in Cloquet until his untimely death in 1959. She married Wilford B. Caffey a year later.

During her nursing career, she served the last 35 years as Head Nurse of Obstetrics and Nursery at the Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital.

She loved dancing, gardening, cooking and entertaining. Many happy hours were spent at the cabin – land which she purchased in 1958 for her beloved husband.

Grace was a loving, caring, nurturing woman, full of kindness and compassion for others. She delighted in her family and showered them with her wisdom, wit and generosity of spirit. She lived with dignity and independence, a clear mind and a strong voice. She held to a firm Christian faith and was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She set an example to us all and will be greatly missed.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Fred Newlon and Wilford Caffey; her son, John Robert Newlon; brothers, Osa, Lester and John Sweeting; and sister, Johannah Moter.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Newlon (Fred) Soberg of Pittsburgh; daughter-in-law, Linda Newlon of Cloquet; six grandchildren, Jonathan Soberg of Palo Alto, CA, David Soberg of Pittsburgh, Joshua Soberg of Jensen Beach, FL, Nathanael Soberg of Pittsburgh, Bethany Newlon Leseman and Jacob Newlon both of Cloquet; great granddaughters, Melina and Nadia Soberg of Palo Alto, CA.

Visitation: 10:00 until the 11:00 a.m. Memorial service, Monday, October 23, 2017 in Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th Street, Cloquet. The service will be led by Reverend Fred Soberg. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet. To sign the guest book and leave an online tribute see, www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ I want to add my prayers and memories to Lillian's message. It was so good to make that trip to reconnect with Aunt Grace , Cindy, Linda and Bethany and to meet Fred. You all made our trip so special. Good memories. So sorry to hear of her passing. She cared so much about her family and always gave an updates on you all when we talked. Aunt Grace was so quick with a smile and kind words. "Grief is the last act of love we have to give to those we loved. Where there is deep grief, there was deep love " (I go back to these words often) Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Wanda Dolejsi

October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of Aunt Grace's passing. She was a very caring, wonderful person. She was always happy to see you and to hear from you. She was the best letter writer. She will be greatly missed. We are so glad we were able to see her and the family when we came out to visit in 2014. You never know when the Lord will call you. You all have our deepest sympathizes. The family of Rusty & Lois (Newlon) Rembold: Wanda Dolejsi, Roger Rembold, Joyce Brunken, Lillian & Elden Helms, Joan Rembold

October 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM