



Carol L. Fitch

February 14, 1934 - January 22, 2025

Carol L. Fitch age 90 of Ludington, former longtime resident of Scottville passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Carol was born on February 14, 1934 at the family home in Amber Township and was the daughter of Claus and Louise (Omholt) Chilberg. Carol graduated from Ludington High School with the class of 1952 and shortly after graduation she married her high school sweetheart H. James Fitch on June 28, 1952 in Ludington. Jim and Carol spent the next 68 years by each other's side until Jim preceded her in death on September 21, 2020. Carol was also preceded in death by her sons Daniel James in 1998 and John Wayne in 1987; her parents Claus and Louise Chilberg; her brothers Karl, Wayne, and John Chilberg; and her sister Marie Squires.

Jim and Carol operated the Fitch family fruit farm in Summit Township and later purchased the Chilberg family farm in Amber Township. They harvested Cherries, Apples, Peaches, Plums, and Pears for over 25 years before Jim became the Agent for the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Scottville with Carol working closely by his side. Carol had also worked for Lidke's Store in Scottville. Following their retirement, they enjoyed splitting time between their homes in Florida and Scottville, getting together with friends and family playing setback and pinochle, and especially enjoyed spoiling their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jim and Carol were longtime members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville, and the Mason County Farm

Bureau. Following Jim's passing; Carol became a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Ludington across the street from their residence at Longfellow Towers.

Carol will be greatly missed by her daughter Mari-Kae (Butch) Sterley of Ludington; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 6 great, great-grandchildren; Jim's sisters Grace Margaret Christensen and Kathy Falor; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends.

A ceremony to remember Carol will take place at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 1st at St. John Lutheran Church in Ludington. Friends may gather with her family for a time of visiting from 2:00 pm until time of service at the church. Carol will be laid to rest with Jim at Summit Cemetery in the spring when the fruit trees are in blossom. Those who wish to remember Carol with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Raymond Schulte Music Education Scholarship Fund c/o the Scottville Clown Band, or to St. John Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Summit Township North Cemetery

4800 Hawley Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
209 North Rowe Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere condolences to the Carol & Jim Fitch family



TERRY S. WILLIAMS - April 13, 2025 at 10:33 PM

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“ Aunt Carol will be dearly missed. I will miss her visits to Florida and her periodic calls just to say hi. She was an important part of my life and I take comfort in knowing she is up there with my dad and the rest of the family.
Until we meet again - Stephanie and family

Stephanie Austin - January 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol L. Fitch.



January 26, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol L. Fitch.

January 26, 2025 at 09:45 AM