



Carol Virginia Goff

December 25, 1923 - December 25, 2014

Carol Virginia Goff aged 91 of Scottville passed away on December 25, 2014 at Tendercare of Ludington. Carol was born on December 25, 1923 in Chicago, the daughter of Arnold A. and Edna R. (Freeman) Andersen, and moved to Sherman Township, Mason County in 1931. She attended Lincoln River School and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1941. Carol furthered her education at Davenport McLaughlin Business School and Grand Rapids Junior College earning an Associate's Degree. She enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1944, where she served her country during World War II at Cherry Point, North Carolina Air Station as a secretary. Upon her discharge in 1946, Carol had earned the rating of Sergeant.

When Carol returned home from her service, she met Charles R. Goff, also a veteran from Custer, and they married on April 26, 1947 and celebrated 64 years together before Charles preceded her in death in 2011.

Carol worked as a secretary for a variety of employers through the years : the Mason County Soil Conservation, Smith & Eddy Insurance, as an Aide at Fountain School, Five CAP of Mason County, West Shore Community College, and finally at the Mason-Lake ISD. She also served on multiple boards including the Paulina Stearns Auxiliary, Mason County Historical Society, Mason-Lake ISD Board, Mason County District Library Board, and the

Michigan Child Study Association Executive Board for seven years and serving as president for 2 years. She was a longtime member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ludington, serving on the church council and was active in many of the women's organizations of the church.

Carol and Charles lived and farmed 40 years on Reek Road in Custer before moving to Scottville in 1989. They enjoyed traveling around the world and spending time with their family. Carol loved to entertain and always kept current on local and world civics and politics.

Along with her husband Charles, Carol was preceded in death by her parents. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Leah and Larry Braun of Harbor Beach, her son Bradley and Judy Goff of Custer, her sister Marilyn and Don Villadsen of Freesoil, 8 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held for Carol at 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 30 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Mick Shriver and Rev. Wayne Buskirk officiating. Burial will take place at Grant Township Cemetery at a later date. Friends may meet with Carol's family for a time of visitation on Tuesday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the church. Those who wish to make contributions are asked to consider Emmanuel Lutheran Church in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Grant Township Cemetery

300 West Freesoil Road
Freesoil, MI 49411

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
501 East Danaher Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ Thank you everyone that has shared memories of Mom. It has been a great comfort for our family to read all of the wonderful tributes to her life. She was truly a remarkable woman that was loved by many.
The Family of Carol Goff

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:01 AM

JP

“ Our family has some wonderful memories of summer vacations on the Goff's farm. Carol, Charlie, Bradley, and Leah always made us feel at home. I'm grateful to have known Carol and was sorry to hear about her passing.

Jeff Plimpton - January 05, 2015 at 01:58 PM

DS

“ We just lost another great neighbor. Prayers and thoughts go out to the family. I knew Carol when she was working at the ISD (as it was then), as well as a neighbor. Always so friendly and kind.
Debby Saxton.

Debby Saxton - December 30, 2014 at 08:18 AM

DD

“ I first remember Carol when she married my cousin Charles. I remember her as so outgoing and pretty. Then I remember she was friends with my high school principles wife, Phyllis. That too impressed me. But as I grew older and married I was still just as impressed with Carol and her many abilities and knowledge of so many things.

She never changed as we all got older. Always interested in people and events.

The last time I saw Carol and Charles was at a Gallie reunion at Hamlin Lake. She so graciously said how happy she was to be included. We were happy to have her.

Charles was a lucky and blessed man to have woed and wed Carol. I send my thoughts and prayers to you, Leah and Brad. Kathie remembers being with you Leah, and remarked when she heard about your mom how she wished she could have known you all more.

Your Mom and Dad are with our Lord, and may he continue to bless you and your loved ones and give you Peace.

Lolly (Gallie) DiPiazza

Delores DiPiazza - December 29, 2014 at 03:20 PM



“ Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Virginia Goff.



December 29, 2014 at 01:33 PM

DP

“ I first met Carol as an employee of Mason-Lake ISD. We were a couple of the “general education” staff where almost everyone else worked in the special education field. What a gracious lady – never a harsh word about anyone. I left the ISD about 1984 and returned to work at Scottville Elementary in about 1991. Carol and Charles had moved into Scottville by that time and over the next years Carol regularly invited me to lunch. While I always felt it was hard to get away from the schools, lunches were always elegant and Carol and Charles the perfect hosts. A wonderful lady who will be missed by many. Dan Petterson

Dan Petterson - December 29, 2014 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ I had the privilege of providing nursing care for Charles prior to his death, he and Carol were very special to me. I loved to sit and listen to their stories of family, travels and military service. Carol was ever the gracious host and never ceased to amaze me with her smile and energy! A wonderful lady who will be sorely missed. Heaven has a beautiful new angel. My condolences to the Goff family, you are in my thoughts and prayers! ~Doris Silver

Doris Silver - December 29, 2014 at 10:20 AM

DG

“ David G. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carol Virginia Goff.



David G. - December 29, 2014 at 08:07 AM

AL

“ Sending our sympathy to Leah, Bradley and Villadsen families. What a shock to read about Carol passing, she called us Nov. 30 here In Florida and we had a wonderful visit, we received her Christmas card with family memories. Always a joy to visit with her, she will be missed by all. Elnora and Al Madden

albert - December 28, 2014 at 10:10 PM

LB

Thank you, Elnora and Al. I hope that Aunt Marilyn got to talk to you. I know that she tried to reach you.

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:03 AM

DD

“ We have nothing but wonderful memories of your Mom. Such a beautiful person, she always brightened up the room that she was in. Our sympathies to you all. Dennis and Darlene Dodson

Dennis and Darlene Dodson - December 27, 2014 at 06:29 PM

LB

Thank you for your kind words.

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:04 AM

JG

“ *Heaven is blessed to receive Carol, and all who knew her were blessed by her kindness and character. She gave me many memories over the decades, from churning cream into butter as a child at her home while the family was preparing one of so many get-to-gether meals, and the week-end and summer stay-overs with her and Charlie during my childhood years, the pride to see her name on the Veterans Memorial Wall outside of Ludington and the knowledge that she stepped up for her country when needed, to the fascinating conversations with a woman so knowledgeable and conversant as recently as our conversation just two weeks ago. Bradley and Leah, you were so lucky to have been raised by Charlie and your mom Carol. My thoughts are with you. Jack Gallie*

Jack Gallie - December 27, 2014 at 03:20 PM

LB

Thank you for you caring and support.

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:04 AM

LP

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Carol's passing and want to send my condolences to Bradley, Leah, their children and grandchildren, Marilyn Villadsen, all of our dear cousins and all those who loved her. She will be so missed. I am sure it is not lost on anyone that Carol was born and passed on Christmas Day, perhaps adding that special radiance we all loved about her.

Carol (and Charlie) were an on-going presence in my life, going up to their farm as a kid for our summer vacation with my family (the Plimpton's) and having fun playing in the barn with Bradley & Leah. And later in life, driving up with my mother, Bonnie, to pay a visit to her and Charlie, she would always organize a cousin reunion and kept us informed of all the family news. Visits were always an upbeat affair, cooking for us, reminiscing about past family, looking at the old photographs of the Andersens, Petersens as well as immediate family. We would always go up to Grant Cemetery and Carol would recount all the family history to us as her memory was so remarkable!

I am so glad to have had a wonderful visit with her in August and great visit at the cousin reunion that Russell Andersen organized for us all. Carol and I were able to visit the evening I arrived in Michigan, staying up till almost midnight as we couldn't stop talking, spending the whole next day together, driving around the area to visit family and driving down the next day together to the cousin reunion. I am so grateful to have had the time together with her. She will forever be in my heart. She was such a remarkable human being and I count knowing her as one of the greatest blessings in my life. My spirit will be with you all at her services.

Leslie Plimpton
(California)

Leslie Plimpton - December 27, 2014 at 02:48 PM

JN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Goff and send my condolences to Bradley and Leah. I went to school with Bradley and my Grandmother Matthews did laundry for her family. That has been many, many years ago. I remember Mrs. Goff as being a very kind and sweet lady. Prayers sent to the family during this difficult time. Jerri Blanshan-Nix

Jerri Nix - December 27, 2014 at 11:40 AM

LB

Thank you for the lovely words. Those memories were from long ago but very meaningful.

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ My sincere condolences for your loss! Carol remained in touch with my Dad (her cousin, Vernon Smith) after we left Michigan and watched over my Grandparents, Isabel & Carl Smith, as well, which we always appreciated. We have fond memories of Carol and your family growing up. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and wishing you comfort and peace!

Michelle Smith Sanchez - December 27, 2014 at 11:24 AM

LB

Thank you for your kind words.

Leah Goff Braun - January 06, 2015 at 10:06 AM

CS

“ So saddened to hear of Carol's passing. She remained in touch with my dad (Vernon Smith) over the years and sent a beautiful letter to our family when he passed a few years ago. I hope that happy memories of her life help to comfort you.

Cheryl Smith - December 27, 2014 at 09:59 AM

MG

In 2011, we were in South Haven for a week's vacation. Our daughter Molly and family went, too. One day we drove up to see Aunt Carol and Uncle Charles since we were so close (we live in Maryland). Molly's kids--Maisy, 8, and Maddox, 5 --went with us. They weren't happy to leave the beach, but they ended up loving the trip. After cookies for all, Aunt Carol gave Maisy and Maddox a tour of the house. They were fascinated with her various collections and all the "old" things in the house. She had a graciousness and a way with kids that made the visit so nice for them (and Dave and me). We're so glad we decided to Aunt Carol and Uncle Charles that day. Dave & Mindi Goff

Mindi Goff - December 29, 2014 at 07:59 PM