



Carol Boehmke

September 2, 1923 - September 11, 2016

Carol was born to Frieda and Reinhold Kratzke on September 2, 1923, and lived on their farm in rural Minnesota until the age of five. Her father died in the winter of 1928, and she and her mother survived the Great Depression. Carol attended Macalester College, St. Andrew School of Nursing, and Inver Hills College. She married Merlin Boehmke in 1944. Their three sons are Jim, in California, Bruce, in North Carolina, and Phillip, in Massachusetts; and their three grandchildren are Andy, Ben, and Molly.

Carol and Merlin retired to Florida in 1984. Here Carol led a full life, playing bridge, volunteering at the library and at her church, The Church of the Palms. She also enjoyed reading for Public Radio for ten years and spent seven years teaching art history to adults. Merlin died in 2002, yet Carol spent probably the happiest years of her life in Sarasota, enjoying the climate, culture, and most of all - enduring friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 16, at 1:30 PM, at Church of the Palms.

Should anyone care to make a memorial gift, Carol asked that it be given to Church of the Palms.