



Carole Jean Scherff, 78

April 6, 1946 - October 28, 2024

Former St. John, WA resident, Carole Jean Scherff, 78, passed away Monday, October 28, 2024, at her home in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial services were conducted at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE with Pastor Paul Knott Officiating and Matt Ramsey presiding. Inurnment was held at the Clay Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Clay Center Fire and Rescue, (new ambulance fund) or the St. John Historical Society.

Carole was born April 6, 1946, in Hastings, NE to Byron and Valda (Mack) Alberts. She grew up on a farm near Clay Center and was always a “farm girl” at heart. She graduated from Clay Center High School in 1964 and stayed close with many of her classmates, including celebrating their 60th-year class reunion in May. Carole graduated from Kearney State College in 1968 and taught history for a few years at David City. Her next adventure was “enlisting” in VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and moving to Wyoming. It was there that she met Lee, who was a truck driver from Aurora, NE at the time.

Lee and Carole were married July 8, 1972. His Job with Union Pacific took them to LaGrande Oregon, and Spokane and Kennewick Washington. Carole

worked as a Legal Secretary at law firms in each location, including Seiler & Parker Law Firm in Clay Center, NE. They retired to the small town of St. John, WA, where they both made many friends and felt like they were “home”. They moved back to Clay Center for a few years to help with their aging parents, then back again to St. John. While in St. John, Carole volunteered for many organizations in the community, but her proudest accomplishment was helping to start and expand the St. John Museum. She always looked forward to “Tavern Night” at the Rialto on Friday nights where friends would meet to enjoy good company, cold beverages, and great food. She also cherished their trips to Priest Lake with the Smith family.

Lee passed away in 2021 and Carole missed him dearly. She recently made the hard decision to move back to Clay Center to be with family and friends in Nebraska. Carole was barely getting settled into her new home when our Good Lord called her home. She had said many times that this was the last place she was moving to until she moved across the road to the cemetery.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Byron Neal; her husband, Lee; a great-niece; and two step-grandchildren.

Carole is survived by her beloved dog, Gracie; siblings, Linda (Bill) Ramsey; Lyle (Donna) Alberts; and Kathy (Danny) Mihm; stepchildren, Monty (Terri) Scherff; Candace Scherff; and Terri Scherff; her step-grandchildren; one uncle, cousins, nephews and nieces, dear friends, Bruce and Lydia Smith of St. John, WA; and Rich and Nancy Attebury of Moscow, ID and many more old and new friends.

Cemetery Details

Clay Center Cemetery

31371 Woodland Rd
Clay Center, NE 68933

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Clay Center United Church of Christ
220 S Alexander Ave
Clay Center, NE 68933

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My sincere sympathies to Carole's family. Carole made me feel so welcome when I moved to Clay Center and began working at Seiler & Parker. She was patient when helping me learn the "Nebraska" ways and was a true friend. I really missed her and Lee when they moved back to Washington. They were both great people!!*
Donna Miller (Kennedy)

Donna Miller - November 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *22 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - November 06, 2024 at 02:55 PM

TS

“ *She will be missed by my sister Candice and I and we loved her dearly.*
Terri Scherff & Candice Clemmons

Terri Jo Scherff - November 05, 2024 at 10:04 PM

CU

“ Sending love, care and prayers to all of the family at this difficult time of loss. Glenn and Cindy Ulmer and family



cynthia ulmer - November 05, 2024 at 12:32 PM

RN

“ Rich and Nancy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carole Jean Scherff, 78.



Rich and Nancy - November 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CW

“ Calli, Cash and Reese Witherby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carole Jean Scherff, 78.



Calli, Cash and Reese Witherby - November 04, 2024 at 12:27 PM

TL

“ Tim, Gina, Alex, Payton, Bruce & Lydia purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carole Jean Scherff, 78.



Tim, Gina, Alex, Payton, Bruce & Lydia - November 02, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FF

“ From all your friend. purchased the *Finest Farewell Spray* for the family of *Carole Jean Scherff*, 78.



From all your friend. - November 02, 2024 at 12:23 PM

FF

“ From all your friend. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Carole Jean Scherff*, 78.

From all your friend. - November 02, 2024 at 12:23 PM

PT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paul Trout - October 30, 2024 at 12:46 PM