



Avis Amundson

December 6, 1936 - April 23, 2020

GREENFIELD, IN – Avis Yvonne (Schneekloth) Amundson, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and ‘friend to many’ passed into Heaven at the age of 83 years on Thursday April 23, 2020 while in hospice care at Springhurst Health Campus following a brief illness.

She was born on a small farm in Rock County, MN on December 6, 1936, the youngest of six children to Arnold & Mary (Slieter) Schneekloth. Soon thereafter the family moved to a farm west of Hills, MN where she lived out her formative years. Following graduation from Hills High School, she attended South Dakota State University for two years. There she met and fell in love with the true love of her life, Merle Amundson from Colton, SD. They married on June 5, 1958 and soon thereafter moved to Boston, MA for Merle to complete his pharmacy Ph.D. studies. In 1961 they moved to Indiana, where they resided their entire lives, with the exception of many fun winters in Sun Lakes, AZ later in life.

In her earlier years of life, Avis loved horseback riding and attending rodeos, making her own “cowboy shirts”. After marriage, she focused on raising their three sons, however faith remained a vital and integral part of her life: she was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church for many decades, most memorably (to her sons at least) as a Sunday School teacher. She was an active volunteer in many local civic organizations and when time allowed she enjoyed golf, even more so during their winter respites to Sun Lakes, AZ after Merle’s retirement. She loved to garden, producing beautiful flowers and freshly grown vegetables. She had many passions in life, but none as great as her family. She received much joy in attending any/all grandchildren events.

She is survived by three sons, Eric (Tracie) Amundson of Greenfield, Dr. Paul (Dr. Alison Tandler) Amundson of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Peter (Polly) Amundson of Westfield, IN; sister, Mary (Milton) Eitreim of Bella Vista, AR.; eight grandchildren, Mathew, Jacob, Jenna, Nicholas, Mia, Austin, Blake and Eliana; two step-grandchildren, Amy and Austin; and numerous loving nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Merle, parents Arnold & Mary, two brothers (Bob & Roger) and two sisters (Vivian & Verna Mae).

Due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, a memorial service and committal of ashes will be held in South Dakota at a future date. The family strongly encourages friends/family to share a memory or condolence at <http://www.erleweinmortuary.com>.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made by mail to the "Merle & Avis Amundson Freshman Scholarship" c/o South Dakota State University Foundation, 815 Medary Ave., Box 525, Brookings, SD 57007.

A final thank you to her many devoted friends, who were invaluable support to us all following Merle's death in late 2017; physician and "honorary son" Dr. Scott Capen and family; and all care givers from Hancock Memorial Hospital and Springhurst Assisted Living Facility. God bless you all.

Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

Comments



“ I will never forget Avis and Merle too for their outreach to us in Marriage Encounter and all the wonderful people we met as the result of their outreach in so many ways and how greatly our marriage was blessed as a result. Sometimes you just don't realize that you are getting blessed at the time, but years later it comes to you that I would not be doing what I am doing if it wasn't for meeting Avis. She was so easy to talk to and her example as a wife and mother and friend, I will always remember.
Barbara Price

Barbara Price - September 28, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Mrs. Amundson's support of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle at Greenfield-Central when I was in school is still remembered by me. Her shared faith made a lasting impact on my life as I developed a real relationship and commitment to Christ. She was a gift to all of us.

Jim Gluys - April 30, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Avis and Merle were so special to us. They sat with me while my husband, Dan, had cancer surgeries. They were the first people from our church to invite us to a social event at their home. I know Avis is happy with Merle in heaven, but we shall miss her. We count ourselves lucky to have known them. Dan and Beth Moll

Beth Moll - April 30, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Avis had become a Great Friend and Neighbor when we were lucky enough to move into the adjoining Condo next to Her & Merle. Even though we only were able to get to know Merle for a short time Avis made sure we got to know him better through are talks after his passing. I always enjoyed our visits and enjoyed checking on her. What a great example she was of a Wonderful Christian Lady. As anyone would say that knew her. Well done Good and Faithful Servant. Dennis & Beth Spegal

Dennis Spegal - April 29, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Thanks for sharing so many wonderful memories with me,Avis,you will be missed by many,REST IN PEACE now with your beloved, Merle

Kenene Weymouth - April 29, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Diana Clementsscott lit a candle in memory of Avis Amundson



Diana Clementsscott - April 29, 2020 at 01:34 AM



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Diana Clementsscott - April 29, 2020 at 01:01 AM



“ Avis, I will miss your smile, your hugs, and funny stories! The best was your fruit salad, thanks for sharing! Enjoy heaven! See you soon!



robin westphal - April 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM