

Celebration of Life

Patricia Ann Winchel



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Patricia (Pat) Ann Winchel, 78, of Atlantic, passed away peacefully on Thursday July 10, at her home in Atlantic with family by her side.

Pat was born on May 25, 1947 in Atlantic. Throughout her younger years she attended Menlo Community School and later graduated from Saydel High School in Des Moines.

In her early years, Pat worked as a CNA at the Heritage house, bartended at the Villa and The Office Bar, but much of her life was spent working in customer service having spent time at the Prairie Dog, Hy-vee, Walmart, Orscheln Farm and Home, and most recently Casey’s in Griswold. Pat enjoyed the relationships she built with her customers throughout the years, especially the ornery ones, they were her favorite.

Pat was a go getter, never wanting to sit still for very long. Over the years in her free time she enjoyed bowling, attending her Grandkids activities, working in her yard, visiting with her friends at the Fireside Lounge, getting her nails done and most recently Karaoke, often traveling with friends to other towns to sing.

She was preceded in death by her Mother Lucille Majerus, brother Gerald, sister Lolabelle, and brother Jimmie.

She is survived by her children Dawn Meek (Jeff) of Lewis, Kris Vetter (Gary) of Elliott, and Nick (Nikki) Kinney of Papillion, Neb. , grandchildren Bobbi Steffensmeier (Steven), Jamie Meek (Danielle), Dusty Meek (Julie), Jake Vetter (Abby), Jordan Vetter (Heather) all of Atlantic, Chris Kinney (Lisa) of Oak Grove, Mo., Nicole (Kenneth) Buttler of Independence, Mo., Bryar (Holden) Banks of Bellevue, Neb., and Brody, Beau and Baleigh Weeks of Papillion, Neb., 12 Great Grandchildren, her sister Deborah (Bob) Bolcar of Hartford, brother Lonnie (Barbara) Majerus of Altoona, Sister in Law Barb Majerus of Des Moines, Sister in Law Donna Elliott of Madison, Wis., Sister Kay Phippen of Guthrie Center as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family wishes to extend a Thank You to those who helped navigate the last few weeks of Pat’s life and all the help and support they were given to help care for her in her final days.

Per Pat’s wishes there will be a Karaoke Celebration of Life planned by the family at a later date. The Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Atlantic is caring for the Winchel family at this time and condolences can be left at [schmidtfamilyfh.com](http://schmidtfamilyfh.com)

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All meals, breakfast, lunch and p.m. snack must meet the Child and Adult Care Food Program guidelines for infants and children ages 1 to 5 years old.

The ultimate goal is to provide nutritious meals that are low in sugar, fat and sodium, and include fresh fruits and vegetables at least 3 times per week.

Invitation for Bid (IFB) outlining the scopes of work and instructions for bid proposal preparations is available online at: <http://www.westcentralca.org> or contact Danni Segebart, Head Start Director at 712-755-7537 or email [dsegebart@westcca.org](mailto:dsegebart@westcca.org).

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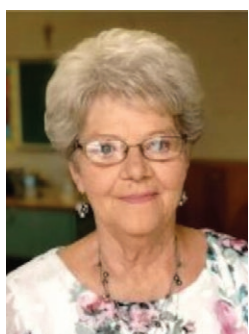
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Carol Marie Plowman



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Carol Marie Plowman, 80, of Adair, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Community Care Center in Stuart.

Carol Marie Moe was born Dec. 10, 1944, to Eldor and Helen (Smith) Moe in Waterloo. She was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church near her home in Waterloo. She graduated in 1965 from West High School in Waterloo. After graduation she moved to Des Moines where she worked at a recording and statistical corporation. Shortly thereafter, she met Ronald Dean Plowman, the love of her life. The two were married on June 26, 1965. To that union, four children were born: Leann Sue in 1966, Leslie Kay in 1968, Darrin Scott in 1970 and Brian Dean in 1972.

The couple moved to Stuart in 1967 and purchased the Standard Oil Station. In 1969, the couple moved to Adair and purchased Plowman Trenching. Carol became the bookkeeper for Plowman Trenching while raising their four children. She was a devoted mother and later a very devoted grandmother and great-

grandmother, always willing to watch and care for her grandchildren at a moment’s notice. Her family was everything to her. She could often be found at a ball game, dance recital, birthday party or any event they were involved in.

In 1982, she began teaching at Little Cherubs Preschool in Adair, where she earned the title of Miss Carol. In 1985, she became the preschool director, a position she adored. Serving as an election official for many years was an additional appointment Carol enjoyed.

Carol embraced the needs of small-town living, volunteering whenever she was asked. As a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Adair, Carol was on the Altar Guild and was also a Sunday School and Bible School teacher. In addition, she served as a Cub Scout and 4-H leader when her children were younger. Her passion and dedication to the youth in the community carried on when she became involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Southwest Iowa in Adair. Carol looked forward to attending all auctions, soup suppers and breakfasts to support the kids of the club. When an impromptu judge was needed for coloring and talent contests at the club, Carol would drop what she was doing and answer the call! In 2020, Carol was awarded the distinguished Impact Award, presented by the Boys and

Girls Club.

Also in retirement, she began volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program in Adair. In addition, Carol was an active member of the Adair Women’s Club, organizing the annual Christmas Festival of Trees for many years. Her love for decorating continued when she volunteered to be a Petal Pusher at the Rose Parade with the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Leann (Mike) Tibken; Leslie (Keith) Stork; Darrin (Julie) Plowman and Brian (Chantal) Plowman; Grandchildren: Ben (Madelynn) Tibken, Abigail Tibken; Emma (Emily Benna) Ferguson, Levi (Katey) Stork, Derek (Taylor) Stork, Zachary Stork; Kaylie (Nathan) Koch, Kennedy (Adam) Freund, Cole Plowman; Clayton (Chelsey) Plowman, Ryan Richter, Monica (Brock) Kellogg, Andy (Stacy) Richter and Nick (Kendra) Richter; Great-grandchildren: Baby Boy Tibken due October 2025; Sloane Benna; Maeve and Quinn Stork; Grant Freund; Collins, Cayne and Callum Plowman; Ethan and Caden Richter; Cora, Ivy and Summer Kellogg; Addi, Reece and Millie Richter; Myles, Mason and Lexi Richter. She is also survived by her brothers: Tom (Vicki) Moe; Gary (Poppy) Moe and a sister, Ingrid Cattanaach; brother-in-laws David (Kris) Plowman, Ivan (Karen) Fredericksen, Roger (Dee) Frederick-

sen; sister-in-law, Gloria Fredericksen; a Special Niece, Cheryl Weber and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dean, grandson Tyler Micheal Tibken, granddaughter Alie Marie Ferguson, her parents Eldor and Helen Moe; brothers Rollo and Eric Moe; in-laws Leon and Wanita Plowman, Hans and Iva Fredericksen, brother-in-law Dennis Fredericksen, sister-in-law Kathy Lenz and many other beloved relatives.

Visitation with the family will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 13 at the Adair Community Building in Adair.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, July 14 at St. John Lutheran Church in Casey, with Rev. Mike Bodkins officiating the service. Interment will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, just north of Adair. A luncheon will be held at the Adair Community Building following the committal.

Memorials may be directed to the Carol Plowman Family at this time. They will be designated at a later date to many of Carol’s favorite local charities and organizations in memory of her. They may be mailed to the Schmidt Family Funeral Home P.O. Box 523, Atlantic, Iowa 50022.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted with the Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Adair.

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“I met Bob there, at the beach, and found out he was from Iowa. He was in his last year before graduating from Simpson College. The summer ended and I had to go home to attend another year of college at North Newton, then transferred to the University of Kansas in Lawrence. This put me closer to Atlantic and Simpson College, where Bob was during the school year. We became engaged during my senior year in college.”

They were married in the church in Buhler, Kansas in 1960. Bob had already enlisted in the Navy, gone to Officer’s Candidate School and graduated as an entry level Ensign.

“Our honeymoon consisted of one night in a Wichita, Kan. motel and dinner at a restaurant before returning to Buhler to pack the car for a three-day trip to Long Beach, Calif., where his ship was stationed for three weeks. I had traveled in the eastern states with my fam-

ily, but I had never been further west than Colorado, so I was excited to finally travel to California and later on to Oregon and Washington,” Judy recalled.

In Bremer, Wash., the couple lived in a rented house while Bob worked in the Naval Shipyard along with civilian employees rehabbing ships and making them seaworthy again.

“During that time, I applied and was hired to teach a third grade class there in Bremerton,” Judy said. “Our first daughter, blue-eyed Cathy, was born in the Naval Hospital there.

“After our 2 and a half years in Washington, we traveled back to Iowa, where Bob enrolled at Iowa State University to get his Mechanical Engineering degree,” she said. “We lived in married student housing, barracks type housing built after WWII to house the returning married GIs. We lived there for another two and a half years un-

til Bob had completed his course work and graduated. By then, we had added brown-eyed Ann Elizabeth to our family.

“We lived for a time in Bettendorf, where Bob worked for Iowa/Illinois Gas and Electric, but after one and a half years decided we wanted to live closer to family. We purchased our family home in Atlantic in 1965 and lived there for many years. It was here that we were joined by our third daughter, Jennifer.

“During that time, I developed a passion for gardening,” she said. “I went through the Master Gardener’s program, which required, among other things, 40 hours (if I remember correctly) working on community projects. At that time my mother-in-law was a resident of Heritage House, so I chose to rehabilitate the gardens behind that facility. Together with two other faithful volunteers, we continued to maintain that garden for a number of years.”

“My husband was always interested in organizations,” Judy said. “He joined and was very active in Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. He liked to be in a position to be able to make Atlantic better. He wanted to bring jobs here, and served on committees that could do that. Throughout his working career he tried to be helpful to the town.”

Bob passed away in November of 2023.

“If he were here today and could see how people have taken up his dream and are carrying it on, he would be happy and proud!” said Judy. “I would like to give a shout out to Christina Bateman, a realtor, wife and mother. She and so many others who love Atlantic have also taken up the effort. We will soon have a beautiful Child Development Center and many new homes along the east side of Olive Street, as well as new businesses. Our town is doing well!”

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