



## Carol LuRene Kinney

October 4, 1939 - November 13, 2020

Carol LuRene (Hensing) Kinney , age 81, South St. Paul, October 4, 1939 – November 13, 2020. Preceded in death by her husband, Thomas I. Kinney, her parents George and Jennie (Ferguson) Hensing and her only sibling Roger Hensing, Carol Lu is survived by her three children LuAnne (Greg) Pederson; Kevin (Lesley); Kathleen (Dan) Kirberger; seven grandchildren Lincoln, Parker and Mitchell Pederson; Alex Kinney; Keara, Brendan and Abigail Kirberger; many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Born in Vinton, Carol Lu grew up on an Iowa Century Farm, graduating from Vinton High School and Iowa State Teachers' College. She loved being a fourth-grade teacher and moved to the Twin Cities in the '60s with teacher friends to open a new elementary school in Woodbury. After beating a handsome man in a card game he had just taught her, she found her husband of 37 years. They raised a family in South St. Paul (where she lived for 44 years) and she was his caregiver for many years as he battled Alzheimer's. Carol Lu left teaching for motherhood and her children/grandchildren were the joy of her life. She attended every sporting event, band concert and school program and was a soccer mom and hockey/lacrosse grandma. She loved a deal and would drive 20 miles for something "free" and her favorite pastime was hunting for treasures with friends at garage sales, church sales, Goodwill and antique stores. Carol Lu loved books and Little Free Libraries; in recent years she and her cousin made book pillows to give to at-risk youth. Although it made her nervous, she loved traveling if she could do it with family/friends. A trip to Kenya was a highlight and she was lucky to vacation in San Antonio the very last week before the pandemic hit. But what she loved most was anywhere she could connect with people: teaching, giving grocery store food demos, being an election judge, family reunions or talking with neighbors; no matter where she was, she could work a room!

Due to COVID, a memorial service will be livestreamed at 11:00am, December 9, with a recording available afterwards on KLECATSKY & SONS website. Private burial at Fort Snelling, where she joins her veteran husband. In lieu of flowers/memorials, please donate to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Foundation or buy your favorite children's book(s) to donate to your local school and post it on her Facebook page.

# Cemetery

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## **Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

7601 34th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN, 55450

# Comments

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“ Speaking to this in First Thessalonians St. Paul reminds us readers that God will bring forth from the dead all who have died believing in Christ. “Otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope” (I Thess 4:13-14). Those who have no hope of eternal life certainly are in a different situation than the believer. But for the believer, too, hope in the resurrection cannot simply erase the loss we feel. While we celebrate funerals full of hope and even joy in the resurrection, we cannot bypass the time necessary for grief.

**Vince Kinney** - December 09, 2020 at 10:37 AM

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“ Clifton and Gloria Slater purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol LuRene Kinney.



**Clifton and Gloria Slater** - December 07, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Karen and Larry McLaughlin purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Carol LuRene Kinney.



**Karen and Larry McLaughlin** - December 04, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ Carol Lu and I worked together for MANY Years. She was Infallible with what she did in the Office and when she did Promotions she was LOVED. So many customers at Byerly's went there just to see The Pizza Lady (Carol Lu). She was so Very Kind & Thoughtful and we enjoyed her stories in regards to her Grandchildren whom she ADORED. I was Shocked and Deeply Saddened when I saw this. My Deepest Sympathy & Love to her Family!

**Kim Koch** - November 24, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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“ Hello LuAnne, Kevin, and Kathleen,

So sorry to hear about your mom. Word of her passing spread through the Walsh Family. Your dad and my mom (Darlene Walsh/O'Shaughnessy) were cousins. I have fond memories of both your parents. After your dad died, I continued to exchange Christmas cards with your mom every year. I loved hearing about your families and activities. She was so gracious and seemed to enjoy all that life had to offer. I will miss her card this year.

It is a hard time to mourn and grieve with the isolation that comes with the pandemic. Please know we are with you in spirit and holding lovely memories of your mom.

Eileen O'Shaughnessy

**Eileen O'Shaughnessy** - November 24, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ We were Carol Lu Kinney's neighbors and loved to walk our doggies with her almost every day. She loved both our dogs, but especially our corgi, Teddy Bear, and wanted many pictures with him. Carol Lu became like family to us, as we saw almost every day for 3 years! When I didn't walk the dogs with her, I made sure to call her just to let her know. She knew how much I loved hearts and so she really liked it when we found hearts on our walks or when I would post a picture of one onto Facebook. She even gifted me a beautiful glass heart for my birthday! My husband and I felt that over the past 8 months Carol Lu was so very sad due to the Covid-19 pandemic. She was so sad that she couldn't go anywhere anymore, nor could she see friends nor family much for fear of the Covid-19 disease. Her stomach started bothering her a lot in the end and I think (but I do not know) that it was due to anxiety watching the nightly news. Her neighbors rallied around this wonderful woman as much as we could! We all tried to cheer her up by walking the dogs with her almost daily, calling her, bringing her food and treats, helping her take pictures and post pictures onto Facebook with her iPhone, etc...But...in the end it is so so so so very sad to me that I don't know HOW she died, but that she did. Carol Lu was such a wonderful person and a good neighbor. We miss her terribly every day and feel so blessed that we were able to have her as our neighbor. It's just not the same without our wonderful Carol Lu here.



**Meredith Fjelsted** - November 23, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“ Condolences to Carol's family as she will be missed deeply by all who knew her.  
Lois Jukich

**Lois Jukich** - November 22, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ Enjoyed being a part of the annual Christmas Cookie extravaganza that Carol Lu and my mom started decades ago. I'll have to bake her favorite (by myself) this year.  
Betty Ingram



**betty ingram** - November 21, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Great picture, Betty. I was also thinking of making Carol Lu's favorite cookie this year! She will be greatly missed & will always be with us as we make our Christmas cookies.

**Diane** - November 22, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Carol Lu had a copy of this picture and showed it to me a couple years ago. She told me all about the great cookie extravaganza and just LOVED it! What a great picture! She is greatly missed.

**Meredith** - November 23, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol LuRene Kinney.



November 21, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ Carol Lu and I lived in the same corridor at ISTC. Reconnected on FB. She was always doing such fun things. Cherish your memories. Patty Kempf Larsen.

**Pat Larsen** - November 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM