



John Arvid Carlson

August 30, 1934 - April 2, 2020

John Arvid Carlson, 85, of Kingsford, formerly of Aurora, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 2, 2020. John Arvid was born on August 30, 1934, in Niagara, son of Bertil and Virginia Carlson. John married Audrey Krans on January 28, 1956 and they were blessed with 52 years of marriage until Audrey's death in 2008.

He attended Aurora and Kingsford schools, graduating from Kingsford High School in 1952. John attended North Park College, Seattle Pacific University and the University of South Dakota. He taught in Florence and Kingsford High Schools and also served as a Kingsford High School Assistant Principal.

John Arvid's priority was God first. His life was a testimony to that. Whenever he was asked how he was doing, no matter what his current situation was, his answer was always, "Too Blessed To Be Stressed!"

John was an active member of the Aurora Free Church. He was a member of the Gideons International for 50 years and served on the board of WRVM Christian radio for 40 years. In addition to his teaching job, John helped Audrey operate the family farm for many years. One of his greatest joys was having his grandchildren enjoy life on the farm. (The grandkids enjoyed; driving tractors and the pug, spending time with the farm animals, making hay, and helping grandma bake in the kitchen). Additionally, John enjoyed hunting,

fishing, working in the woods and traveling. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing trips with his sons and his grandchildren.

John was blessed with a second marriage in his life. He married Patt Swanson on August 6th of 2011. They enjoyed 9 years of marriage. They enjoyed travelling, music and visiting with friends and family. John is survived by his wife, Patt Carlson, children, Bob (Kathy) Carlson of Canandaigua N.Y., Dan (Judy) Carlson of Bloomfield, N. Y., David (Mary) Carlson of Iron Mountain, MI, and Venisa Zoppetti-Leslie of Aurora and 17 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Bert and Ted, and sisters, Linnea and Bevist.

Visitation will be Friday, July 17th, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Aurora Free Church in Aurora. A memorial service will follow at 6:00 pm at the church. Pastor Karl Utzat will officiate.

Face masks will be required and provided.

Donations in John Arvid's memory can be made to the Gideon Bible Fund or the Aurora Free Church.

Condolences to the family of John Arvid Carlson can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

Aurora, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Aurora Free Church
1372 Osterberg Parkway
Aurora, WI 54151

Memorial Service

JUL 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PI

“ *Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.*

Mr. Carlson was my math teacher at Kingsford High. He was an inspiring teacher.

May God's grace comfort you in your loss.

*Pirjo Jaakola-Gröhn
Finland, Europe*

Pirjo - May 03, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I was a student of John's (although I only knew him as Mr. Carlson ;) There are a few teachers that leave a profound influence on a student's life. John was one of those. I was in his Physics class my senior year. I learned so much that year, he really motivated me to work hard to understand all the concepts. It was great preparation for my college years, and even into my career. He was such an energetic man and you could feel his excitement for the subject as well as his love for his students. Sometimes that was what got you through some of the rough weeks at that age. I'm sure there are many impacted by him, and that he didn't know what happened with most of us. He won't be forgotten by us, and I will continue to reflect on those memories of a great teacher and a great man!*



Jamie Marutz - April 12, 2020 at 11:45 PM

PD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have wonderful memories of John Arvid on our LLBC bus trips. His joy of life and Christian warmth made us feel the love of God in a special way. We know he will be missed, but we are joyful to know he is with the Lord. Pete and Donnette DeRossi

peter derossi - April 07, 2020 at 10:11 PM

VH

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. John Arvid was a beloved cousin and a wonderful man. Know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

From Sweden...Berith & Bernt, Peter, Christoffer, Rikard and Families

*From USA..Vicki Hembree, Iowa. Kathryn Lindquist, Maryland
Ken and Lynda Lindquist, Illinois
Eric Lindquist, Maryland*

Vicki Hembree - April 07, 2020 at 05:47 PM

RB

“ Our sympathy to the Carlson family. We knew John and his first wife, when all of us attended the First Covenant Church in Iron Mt., we began attending the 1st Covenant church, probably in 1983. When we first started attending the church, John Arvid approached my husband, Jim Brandt, and invited Jim to become a Gideon. We became Gideons and served the ministry in many ways. Jim has been a Gideon for over 36 yrs. John Arvid was a changed man after he went on a Gideon trip over seas. His heart was so touched by what he experienced on this trip. We respected John Arvid for his many activities in the church and as a faithful Gideon for many years. We have many good memories of John Arvid. May God bless and comfort his family, in this time of loss. Sincerely, Jim and Ruth Brandt, Sun City Center, Fl.

Ruth Brandt - April 07, 2020 at 03:20 PM

BC

“ I was first met John when I began teaching at Kingsford High School in the fall of 1976 when he was the assistant principal. Over the years it was my privilege to get to know him better and become a friend. A number of teachers met weekly for breakfast to share our Christian walk following our Cursillo experience. One day John happened to be at the restaurant at the same time and we invited him to join us. John’s depth in his faith was remarkable, instructive and inspiring. He added much to our discussions and understanding and was supportive in so many ways. He had a kind, compassionate, loving heart and was revered by students, faculty and all who met him. He was an excellent teacher who inspired many students to achieve success careers. We were all blessed in so many ways by having known him and being touched by his warm personality. When greeting him and asked how things were going, his traditional response was always “Too blessed to be stressed.” That phrase summed up John’s faith and love of the Lord which he extended to all of those he met. He will be missed and never be forgotten. There is no doubt that he is with the Lord for eternity. Rest in peace. “Well done, thou good and faithful servant”

Bill and Jan Cummings

Bill Cummings - April 07, 2020 at 12:23 AM

SS

“ Sue Swanson lit a candle in memory of John Arvid Carlson



Sue Swanson - April 06, 2020 at 08:23 AM

TB

“ Dear Carlson Family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Carlson’s passing. May God’s grace comfort you in your loss. Mr. Carlson was my physics teacher for two years in high school. What a fantastic teacher he was! He worked us hard but made it fun. I was so well-prepared by him that college physics was a breeze! Rest In Peace, Mr. C.

Tom Boyce - April 05, 2020 at 03:49 PM

KT

“ Ray and I (Keiko) and our kids loved spending time with Arvid. Ray especially loved talking Bible, hunting and fishing with Ted and Arvid. He will surely be missed. We look forward to meeting up with Arvid in Heaven one day. As Arvid always said and I know he would say it now, we are all too blessed to be stressed. Until we meet again our brother. Love Ray and Keiko Torgersen, Chugiak, AK

Keiko Torgersen - April 05, 2020 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Carlson from KHS! We move from Aurora to Kingsford in 7th grade and before that I was a classmate of Dan and Judy. I got to know Mr. Carlson not only as a student of his Physics/Advanced Physics classes, but also as an "office assistant" during study hall, where I got to know him personally much better. He had such a great sense of humor and wonderful laugh. I remember one day he asked me to "mimeograph" (still remember the smell of that fluid!) some physics tests and I reminded him that I was a student in that class and perhaps me copying (seeing) the tests was not a good idea. He just smiled and said "I trust you". Such a fine man.

Sally (Pearson) Heidtke - April 05, 2020 at 09:47 AM

DZ

“ Bob, Dan, David, Patt, and families:
We have more memories of Arvid than we can even begin to share here.... hunting and fishing trips, our favorite math teacher, and millions of laughs. Always smiling and more than ready to share his faith...oh how we love that man. This world was a better place with him in it. We extend our prayers and sympathy to all of you. We'll really miss him!!
Wendy (Hayward) and Dan Zoeller

Dan Zoeller - April 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM

RH

“ We express our sympathy to the family of John Arvid. We were privileged to know John through our son, Dwight, his wife Karen and their children.

Robert Huse - April 04, 2020 at 02:33 PM

OW

“ Pat,

My heartfelt sympathy in your loss. I met your husband once, maybe at the Aurora church, but was happy to know you shared a great life together. My love and prayers are with you even though I know your faith will carry you through this sad time as we all seem to distance ourselves but draw closer to the Lord. Jesus has opened the door wide for John to enter his new home already prepared for him. Keeping you in prayer along with all your family. God Bless you always.
Orice Walters



Orice Walters - April 04, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DE

“ Pat and family,

May you feel the comfort that only the Holy Spirit can truly give now and in the coming days. As the Lord said, We grieve and have sorrow but not like those who have no hope, you will be together again. My condolences to the Carlson family.

To Pat,

We have known each other all our lives and I feel your loss as your friend. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to meet John some time ago. John is now with the love of his life JESUS and that is a great comfort to know. Praying that you be continually surrounded with the comfort of the Holy Spirit now and in the days ahead. God Bless

*In Christian love
Doris Edwards.*

Doris Edwards - April 04, 2020 at 12:23 PM

RO

“ John, was a spiritual Mentor to me and so many others. There were times I would ask him for advice and his decision was usually the correct one, I will Miss him.

Ronald L Olson

Rita Olson - April 04, 2020 at 10:15 AM

SC

“ Our hearts go out to you guys at the loss of this wonderful man! Your whole family is amazing and he was one of the reasons. God is smiling at a job well done. Still such a difficult loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers!💔 Love, Steve and Margo Cousins

Steve and Margo Cousins - April 04, 2020 at 10:12 AM

K(

“ I had Mr. Carlson for Physics and Adv. Physics. A wonderful teacher and an even more wonderful person. My thoughts and condolences to all of his family and friends that are not able to be together during these trying times.



Kelly Goettler ('87) - April 04, 2020 at 10:04 AM

KF

“ Growing up, we loved Uncle Arvid's visits to Alaska - the fun continued when we got to visit him in Wisconsin. He taught my children some of the same fun tricks he taught me — forever my kids will remember how to count to 10 in Swedish and we will always wonder about the magic of Two Little Dicky Birds! Thank you Uncle Arvid ...❤️

Kelly Carlson Atlee & Family - April 04, 2020 at 08:19 AM

NR

“ I have wonderful memories of Arvid over the years -- starting when I was 14 and he was 19 and in college when I met him through my relatives, the Krans family. He was caring, he was funny, he was a wonderful friend during that time. He and Audrey visited my family when we later moved back to Minnesota; and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Patt and Arvid and visiting with both of them in the last few years whenever I was in town. Sending prayers, love and hugs in this sad time. Stay well everybody.

Nancy Lundwall Reis - April 03, 2020 at 10:27 PM

ST

“ I had Mr. Carlson as my math teacher at Kingsford High School. He was a wonderful teacher!! I learned so much from him. I also was a member in Gideons with him. He was a great member!

Steve Trask - April 03, 2020 at 09:29 PM

TC

“ As a former student at KHS (70), I had the privilege of having Mr. Carlson for Advanced Algebra, Physics and Sr. Math classes which prepared me to easily transition to classes at MTU. He was a great teacher and advisor to all his students. I can still see him writing out equations with chalk on the blackboard and also telling us stories about his farm. He set the standard for teachers at KHS and will always be remembered for his class, sense of humor and sincere interest in stimulating learning to us students.

God Bless,

Dr. Thomas Carlson, DDS

Tom Carlson - April 03, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DB

“ Dawn And Bob lit a candle in memory of John Arvid Carlson



Dawn and Bob - April 03, 2020 at 04:32 PM

ME

“ *Patt & Family,*

Wishing you comfort in your memories and peace knowing you WILL seem him again one day! You're in our thoughts & prayers.

Love, Iris & Melaney



Melaney Eldridge - April 03, 2020 at 04:23 PM