

Celebrate Singing Choral Festival

Celebrating the life of Carleen Anderson

**Friday, April 11, 2008
Ames Middle School
7:00 p.m.**

**Co-sponsored by:
Ames Children's Choirs and
Ames Community Schools**

**Presented with support from:
Ames Council on the Arts**

Edwards and Mitchell 4th-5th Grade Choruses

Teresa Green and Cheryl Stalder, Conductors
Helen Park, Accompanist

Remember You **Teresa Jennings**
Daniel Park, viola

Glory Train **Gene Grier & Lowell Everson**

Fellows 4th-5th Grade Chorus

Cynthia Marten, Conductor
LuAnn Ewan, Accompanist

The Poet Sings **Z Randall**
Stroope

The Rhythm of Life **Cy Coleman**
arr. John Leavitt

Meecker 4th-5th Grade Chorus

Charles Grim, Conductor
Tana Tesdall, Accompanist

Siyahamba **South African Folk Song**
arr. Donald Moore

Buy Me Chocolate **George Mysels**

Sawyer 4th-5th Grade Chorus

Barbara Evenson, Conductor
Melinda Lowry, Accompanist

The Piper **Cynthia Gray**
arr. Judith Cook Tucker
Lauren Jones, flute

Chumbara **French Folk Song**
arr. Dave and Jean Perry

Chorale ~ Ames Children's Choirs

Sylvia Munsen and Misty Renze, Conductors
Michiyo Hittori, Accompanist

Shake the Papaya Down **Calypso**
Song
arr. Ruth Dwyer and Judith Waller

Whale (from *A Menagerie of Songs*) **Carolyn Jennings**

Ragazzi Youth Choir ~ Nebraska Children's Chorus

Cody Talarico, Conductor

Kristi Treu, Accompanist

Ave Maria **Simon Lindley**

Four White Horses **Caribbean Folk**
Song

arr. Cristi Cari Miller

~Intermission~

Festival Mass Choir

Sylvia Munsen, Conductor

Kristin Maahs, Harp

How Can I Keep From Singing? **American Hymn Tune**

arr. Sylvia Munsen

Celebrate Singing Choral Festival

This is the inaugural Celebrate Singing Choral Festival (CSCF) created by the Ames Children's Choirs (ACC) program to provide the opportunity for school and community choirs to hear and perform with other choirs. This festival developed as an outgrowth of the ACC sponsored Midwest Children's Choir Festival (MCCF), which includes select singers from children's choirs throughout the state of Iowa. Music teachers who have participated in MCCF expressed an interest in having the opportunity for their entire choir to participate in a festival experience.

Cynthia Marten, general music teacher at Fellows and colleague and friend of Carleen Anderson, suggested that the Ames Schools find a way to honor Carleen, who had taught in the Ames schools for more than 30 years. Dr. Sylvia Munsen, ACC Founder & Conductor, was in the planning stages of CSCF and together they decided that the inaugural festival could feature all elementary school choruses from Ames including the ACC Chorale. Ms. Marten suggested that Dr. Munsen arrange the mass choir piece to celebrate Carleen's life.

The next MCCF will be April 17, 2009, in Stephens Auditorium with René Clausen as the guest composer and conductor. ACC is making plans for the next Celebrate Singing Choral Festival to occur in April 2010. Future CSCF festivals will be open to any 4th-6th grade Iowa choir.

Acknowledgments

- Flowers on stage – Fellows Elementary Teachers
- Cookies for singers – Ruth Anderson and Carolyn Johnson



Carleen Anderson

Carleen (Johnson) Anderson was raised on a farm in Ellsworth, Iowa, and enjoyed singing with her five sisters and participating in 4-H activities. As a culmination of her 4-H involvement, she was crowned Hamilton County Fair Queen and then the Iowa State Fair Queen in 1971, the same year she graduated from South Hamilton High School. In 1975 she graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Science in Education, graduating with distinction. She was a teacher with the Ames Community Schools from 1975-2005. First she

taught music at Mitchell, Edwards, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and then spent the next 16 years of her career teaching 3rd Grade at Fellows Elementary School. Carleen touched many young lives in her years of teaching as well as those of her colleagues.

On June 9, 1973, Carleen married David R. Anderson of Story City. Together they had three children: Nick of Ellsworth, Rachel (Brant) Aussenus of Ankeny, and Jeff (Patti) of Ames. Carleen was a loving wife and wonderful mother who gave of herself in every way – she loved spending time with her husband and children. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City where she was the director of the primary singers for many years, served on the Board of Education, and lent her beautiful singing voice to the church for special music needs and events. She was very active in 4-H with her son, Jeff. Carleen was also a member of the Ames Education Association, Iowa State Education Association and P.E.O. – Chapter FZ.

Carleen passed away June 24, 2006, at her home after a well-fought battle with cancer at 52 years of age. She is survived by her loving husband, children and grandson, Benjamin; her mother Carolyn of Ames; her sisters Cathy (and Curt) Frost of Gales Ferry CT, Cyndy (Steve) Hockman of Ankeny, Chris (and Rod) Smith of Midlothian TX, Celeste (Jim) Bresette of Columbia MD, Colleen (Keith) Maranto of Frankfort IL; her mother and father-in-law, Ruth and Willard Anderson of Ames; sisters-in-law Marilyn (Bill Tout) Anderson of Ashland OR and Marlene (Rick) Polmear of Englewood CO; and 14 nephews and five nieces.