Carlis Mae Anderson, age 81, 360 Washington St., Winona, died Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Sauer Memorial Home, Winona, MN after complications resulting from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Carlis was born January 8, 1929 in Luverne, MN to Carl Henry and Agnes Rachael (Mac Eachran) Anderson. She has lived in Winona since 1963 and was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Winona, where she was an organist for many years, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Winona Chapter, #141, and a member of the American Association of University Women. Carlis will be remembered for her love of dogs, Tannie, Snowball, and Aggie.

Carlis received the title of Professor Emeritus from the Minnesota State University Board on her retirement from Winona State University, June 1991.

An educator in music, Carlis received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of South Dakota, June 1951, the Master of Music Education degree from the University of Colorado, 1958, and continued post graduate studies in music from Northwestern University, University of Michigan, and University of Wisconsin.

Carlis taught vocal music in elementary, secondary, and higher education in public schools at Sioux Falls, SD; Douglas, AZ; USAF in Europe Dependent Schools, Chatelauox, France and Wiesbaden, Germany, and Ely, MN. Then Carlis spent 28 years at Winona State University which included Phelps laboratory and the music department.

She is survived by a sister Marguerite Patty Anderson Wenzel, Brookfield, WI; five nieces and nephews: Mary (Anderson) Hagberg, Peter Wenzel, Bruce Alan Anderson, Julie Mae Anderson and Jeremy Theodore Carl Wenzel; six great nieces and nephews: Nathaniel, Benjamin, and Alec Hagberg, and Eric, Michelle and Nicole Anderson; a great great nephew and niece: Clayton and Halle Hagberg; and very special friends Dick Wenzel and Dell Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Alan Bruce Anderson.

Services to remember Carlis will be 11:00 AM Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Winona with Pastor Douglas Rosendahl officiating. Interment will be at Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne, MN.

Family will greet friends from 3:00 to 5:30 PM Friday, February 5, at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona. There will be a memorial service conducted by the Order of Eastern Star, Winona Chapter #141 on Friday starting at 5:30 PM at the funeral home. The family will also greet friends beginning at 10:00 AM Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to either Grace Presbyterian Church, the Carlis M. Anderson Music Education Scholarship Fund at Winona State University, or to Winona Area Hospice.

Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com. Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Winona.