



Born: June 14, 1954

Died: October 10, 1956

The first child of Gregor Fisher Meyer and Bashie Beulah Burnside - Karyn was born in the summer - June 14th 1954 in the second year of their marriage. At the time, Gregor was 27 years old and Bashie was 25.

Karyn lived a short life passing away October 10, 1956 at the age of 2 ½ from injuries to her brain caused during a difficult birth. She never developed as a normal child and suffered from internal convulsions constantly during her short life. At the time of her passing she had a little sister-Lisa Jean Meyer who was almost 1 year old born October 31, 1955. Lisa, even though she was only one year old, obviously grieved at the loss of her sister-Karyn

I am her brother - Gregor Fisher Meyer, Jr. born January 3, 1960. I never knew Karyn but would like to remember her as an important part of our family and our history. Her short life was a trial to our parents early in their marriage. Her condition went undiagnosed and the reason for her constant crying was a terrible burden especially on her mother. Bashie did not know why she cried constantly and questioned her ability to be a good mother. In addition, Gregor's father Oscar was bedridden in the hospital during the months leading to Karyn's birth. Oscar passed away July 15, 1954 one month after Karyn was born. It was a very tough time on this young family.

It was Karyn's injuries during birth that caused her constant pain. These injuries never healed. Gregor and Bashie gave Karyn love but they were not able to enjoy witnessing the normal development and joy of a young child. This must have been a terrible daily strain that took great courage and faith to endure. As I write this, I am a parent with two young children and I cannot imagine the suffering and then the loss of one of my children. Nevertheless, Gregor and Bashie went on to have two more healthy children - Gregor and John plus Lisa who was born while Karyn was alive. Thankfully all the other children were blessed with good health.

Somehow, I imagine Karyn's spirit blessing my parents and giving them the strength and love and faith that allowed them to go on after Karyn passed away and continue to grow their family. I am pleased to be able to tell Karyn's story on this medallion and all of her family prays that she is resting in peace and enjoying a happy spirit life in heaven.

Compiled by her brother Gregor Fisher Meyer, Jr., 2003.