



## Burton "Burt" Arthur Carlson

December 13, 1941 - October 22, 2022

Burton Arthur Carlson, age 80, passed away unexpectedly on 10-22-22 from a new diagnosis of acute leukemia.

Burt was raised in Marinette, WI, happily spending the first half of his childhood on the family farm, and his older school years "in town", living in a house his father built. He invited Jesus as his Savior into his life at summer church camp. Burt worked his way through college, attending the University of Wisconsin, Bethel College in St. Paul, and graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in elementary education.

Burt met his wife Carol (Green) while at Bethel College, and when attending Sunday school at Bethany Baptist Church in Roseville. They were married in 1967 at Edina Baptist Church, which many friends and family will remember as an unusual wedding, in the dark, after tornados came through the area earlier that day. In 1971 they welcomed twins Marny and Brad. They lived in Spring Lake Park, MN for over 40 years and attended Salem Baptist Church (now called Grace Point) in New Brighton. Later, Burt and Carol joined Calvary Church in Roseville and cherished their Kingdom Builders family. Burt was a wonderful husband to Carol, and father and friend to his children as they grew up in a loving Christian home.

Burt enjoyed his teaching career, all 39 years of which were in ISD 197 West St. Paul school district. When he earned his master's degree from St. Thomas University, he transitioned from teaching 3rd and 4th grade in the classroom to elementary special education for the second half of his career. He had great

love and compassion for his students, whom he often referred to as his "twiddle-hoppers" and said that he felt his job was to give them a place where they knew they were liked and where they knew they could succeed. Burt was also a pioneer in his district, bringing some of the very first computers into the classroom and teaching his coworkers how to use them.

Burt loved working in his yard and garden and reading. He was active in Bible Study Fellowship and Community Bible Study for many years. He could fix almost anything with the cars and around the house. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren most of all. Grandpa was the grandchildren's number one fan, attending as many baseball games (Parkway Little League, East Twins Babe Ruth League, and high school) and school events like field trips and choir concerts at Farnsworth Elementary and Nova Classical Academy as possible. He lived life with a deep and humble faith in His Lord, and with gentleness, patience and humor.

Burt spent the last few years of his life managing end stage renal disease and getting dialysis three times a week. As with all things, he endured this with patience and grace and humor. His family is extremely grateful for the skilled and compassionate care by the staff of DaVita Dialysis Center in Blaine, MN. He came to regard them as friends and appreciated all they did for him.

Burt was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Alice Carlson, and his sister Joyce Tardrew. He is survived by his cherished wife of 55 years Carol, his much-loved children Marny Carlson and Bradley (Karyn) Carlson, his adored grandchildren Sam, Ben and Maddy, and his siblings Curtis (Joyce) Carlson, Marian (Allen) Frerichs, and Randy Carlson, as well as many other extended family members.

Services will be held at 2PM on Thursday 11/3/22 at Calvary Church of Roseville, MN. Visitation will begin at 1PM, and a reception with light refreshments will follow the service. All are welcome.

Memorials are preferred to Calvary Church [www.calvarychurch.us](http://www.calvarychurch.us) or BSF International [www.bsfinternational.org/support](http://www.bsfinternational.org/support)



# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Carol*  
*So sorry to hear of Burt's passing.*  
*Brought back many good times in the past with him and others.*

*Again, so sorry*  
*Dick*

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**Dick Edblom** - November 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dad, I love you and really miss you. I miss your calmness and your patience. I miss your smile, and your jokes. I miss talking to you about work, life, Karyn, and the kids. I miss texting, and the pictures of cool cars that we have shared between you, the boys, and I.*

*Your chair is empty, way too soon.*

*I will always love you and miss you.*

*Brad*

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**Brad Carlson** - October 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *What a beautiful life. Marney my prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Becky Vlach** - October 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *What a great man, husband, father, grandpa and more. He made a great impact and leaves a lasting legacy of faith and love. We're sorry for your loss.*

*Love,  
Bruce and Kathy Paulson*



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**Bruce and Kathy Paulson** - October 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM