



Carol Jean Petros

April 7, 1950 - December 20, 2020

Passed away on December 20, 2020, surrounded by loved ones. She had briefly battled cancer.

A Celebration of Carol's Life will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 2:00 pm at the Lakeville Area Arts Center--20965 Holyoke Avenue; Lakeville, MN 55044. Dress sassy or classy in something Carol would enjoy!

Carol Jean Petros was born April 7, 1950 in Slayton, MN to Clarence and Bernita (Flynn) Kirchner. Following her graduation from Fulda High School in 1968, Carol attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN and pursued a career in business. She spent her professional career in sales, where she won many awards, mentored numerous colleagues, and made countless friends. She married the love of her life, Ron Petros July 9, 1988. Carol's life is marked by her incredibly strong faith in God. She was deeply committed to knowing Jesus and introducing others to him. Even in the final days of her extraordinary life, she saw to it that those who needed to hear about God's grace did so. She influenced and impacted thousands of people. She faithfully walked alongside, encouraged, taught, and diligently prayed for those who crossed her path. She was a faithful, obedient servant to the Lord. Her sole aim was to do what the Lord asked of her. Although she was immensely involved in several ministries she never fully realized the extent of her impact on others, which speaks to the humility that resided within her vibrant personality.

Carol is survived by brothers Raymond (Carol) Kirchner, Ronald (Diane)

Kirchner, Jerry (Karen) Kirchner; sisters, Judy Kremer, Joan (Wayne) Spielman. While Carol had no children of her own, she had a mother's heart. She fiercely loved and was proud of her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Carol is preceded in death by her Husband Ron Petros, parents, Clarence and Bernita Kirchner, Brother Leon Kirchner, Brother-in-law, John Kremer.

Her many friends and loved ones will miss her dearly. As Carol would always say, "See you, girly bird".

In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to the Ministries below, which Carol worked closely with;

Metro Hope Ministries <https://www.metrohope.org/donate>

Door of Hope Ministries <https://www.doorofhopeministries.org/donate>

Tribute Wall

TM

“ I have not been in touch with Carol for about 6 years and suddenly had the urge to just google her- and I saw this obituary. I am "T". Carol was a big part of my life after she dated my dad before she met her husband Ron. They helped me take care of my son and I am just heartbroken that I was not able to come to her celebration of life, or see her before she passed away. If any of her wonderful friends could reach out to me and let me know what happened, I would be forever grateful. I know Carol is with Jesus, but I truly miss her and wished I could have been there for her the last 6 years. My phone is 651-432-7950 and email tmichelle1969@outlook.com. If anyone would text, email or call me, I would so appreciate you. Thank you. Rest in eternal peace Carol, Love you, "T"

Theresa Marchione - August 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ See you later Carol, dear friend of decades.

I saved your voicemail of November 1st.

You truly fought thr good fight. You finished the race & have received your crowns.

Sure love you dear Carol.

Just wish I had known of your celebration of life. I would not have missed missed it.💖💖💖💖💖

See you soon.

Pamela Johnson Asher - July 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Petros! Thanks for always lending a helping hand and God Bless!*

Corey - January 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Carol and I worked together for many years. She was always warmth as I just read someone wrote-I wholeheartedly agree. She was also hysterical, we laughed so hard and so very often. Her sarcasm was as strong as her faith in God! What a gal! I know she is having a blast in Heaven & I look forward to the day when I get to see her again!*

Cathy Anderson - January 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I will always remember Carol's laugh and I chuckle thinking about her high spirited tricks as youngsters at family reunions. You left your mark on our earth Carol and surely will be missed by many!*

Rita Flynn Powers - January 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Carol was one of the first people I met when (as she would call me) just a young pup starting out in the world. To me, Carol was warmth. We had many different views on the world. Mine constantly changing, thinking I knew everything, and not realizing the irony, Carol's, steadfast and humble. She challenged me, looked out for me, told me when I needed to shape up and gave me confidence that I could do well, and good, as grew into my professional career. In the beginning, we both worked the late shift, and spent the hours of 5-7 when most others had gone home getting to know each other. I am grateful smartphone apps were not nearly as ubiquitous and varied in 2008 as they are now or I might have missed out on the pearls of wisdom she dropped, seemingly nightly. She was a rock, a northstar and a lodestone. I regret to say that I haven't spoken with her in several years but will always remember her grace, humor, and generosity of spirit. She taught me that it is important to work hard, but infinitely more important to treat the people you work with with kindness and respect and to genuinely care about the people you interact with on a daily basis. She was an amazing woman and someone whom I was lucky to have as my work mom when I was just "a young pup". Rest in Peace my Friend.

Dan Karel - January 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Carol was such a ray of light in a dark time for me. Before I ever knew that she was a believer, she led me with her actions and uplifting attitude. Once I was solid in my faith, Carol led me with her words (and her prayers, I'm sure!). We here on earth have lost a beautiful soul, but Heaven gained an angel. I know that she is praising Jesus as I type this. Love you Carol!



Stefanie Hageman - January 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *I love you Carol.*

I will see you later in Heaven with our Lord Jesus.

I miss you incalculably my beloved friend.

We walked through many things together the last 30-years & now you are home.

Pamela

PAMELA JOHNSON - January 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *She was a wonderful woman. We worked in sales together for a number of years. She was an inspiration and will be missed amongst her peers.*

Timothy Randolph - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My heart aches with the loss of you, my dear friend of 47 plus years, we have been through a lot together! God must have needed another Angel in Heaven even though I wanted you to stay, I know you are happy and out of pain walking with our Lord. You will always be around in my hearts ready to remind me of the best Bible verses to read when I need to feel closer to God. And as you would always say,, "Love you "GirlieBird!" I will miss you always. Janet*

Janet Flynn - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I worked with Carol many times during my time at Thomson Reuters. She was always helpful - went above and beyond for us. I enjoyed her kindness and her joking nature. She was one of a kind and will be dearly missed. God Bless You and your family Carol.



Kristen Lundgren - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ My dearest soul sister... Carol ... I will Forever remember your giving nature and kind heart !

Pamela Jergens - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JF

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Janet Flynn - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ What a blessing Carol was to me. Always willing to exhort, encourage, and pray for me as I ministered to students in Wisconsin and later in New York City. I am so excited her life of diligent prayer has now turned to a life of face to face connection with God in heaven, what joy she must have now! Of course, she will be missed dearly.



Brandon and Lydia Brooks - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Rest in Peace, my wonderful friend. I will always remember your smile, your voice, and your incredible sense of pride. You were a true sales warrior. I will never forget the day you wore one of your beautifully made suit jackets and I mentioned to you that my mother would just love that! A few months later, when I mom visited me, you brought two of those jackets to work and gave it to me to give to my mom. Moments like that one can never forget. Rest in peace, you beautiful and amazing lady. I will always remember your wonderful heart! There is an angel in heaven, wearing amazing suit jackets and smiling down on all of us! .



Jelena Tarbuk - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To all those who loved Carol, my condolences go out to you . I know most of you do not mourn as those with no hope, but I am sure you still mourn the absence of Carol's presence.

I was blessed to know her as I presided over her medical care at one point in time. I know God crossed our paths and I was so thankful for our time in prayer and was touched by the way she prayed for me and my family. She knew God would be bringing her healing soon, but didn't know how he was going to do it. She promised to invite me to her party to celebrate God's work in her, so at some point I think Carol would want those who remain to celebrate her complete healing.

Dr Jess Carlson - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Ahh, Carol. You were a good soul. I know you are better now and we can all be thankful for that. You will be missed.



Kevin M Flynn - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ What an amazing woman!...She is so loved and will be missed dearly ❤️

Janet Martz - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ You fought the good fight! I know you are rejoicing in heaven, loving our Lord and Savior. Say Hi to DJ.
Fondly,
Trish

Trish Holder - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM