



Carol Singleton

December 6, 1946 - October 6, 2025

Carol (Girod) Singleton, of Crystal, Minnesota, died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family at the age of 78. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ron and Irene Kreatz, and her angel, Mildred Yentsch.

She is survived by her loving partner, Tom Slattery, children Jeff (Kathleen) and Joe (Sandy) Girod, grandchildren Grant (Claudia), Ian, Ahna, Maria and Julia Girod, sister Kay Marie (Bob), brother Lloyd Kreatz (Bonnie), sister-friend Linda Fleury, cousin-friend Patty Cooley, Erica Slattery, Tom Slattery Jr. and many beloved relatives and friends.

Carol and her sister began teaching neighborhood children dance in their parents' Robbinsdale basement, turning it into a business that has lasted more than 67 years. They were pioneers for women in business and in the dance community. In 1968, they founded the Minnesota Dance Contest, which drew studios from across the Midwest. Through countless performances at hospitals, nursing homes, and community events, dancers from Kay Marie and Carol's studio brought joy to others while learning the importance of giving back- especially to the elderly and those in need.

Carol taught dance to generations of children, which she cherished and considered a privilege. She taught with grace and kindness, and it was her life's work to ensure every dancer felt special, loved, and more confident than when they began. She never worked a day in her life; the dance studio and teaching ballet was her happy place. Her legacy continues with the next generation of teachers and students.

As a friend she was loyal, generous and loving. She felt blessed to meet many amazing people during her time and was extraordinarily grateful for her friends. Carol loved spending time camping (Tuttle's), fishing, traveling and spending time with her friends. She loved going on cruises, and she and Tom had many amazing adventures together.

Carol deeply cherished her family and was a devoted, loving mother and grandmother. She found joy in every moment spent with her children, whether exploring new places or setting off on adventures. In later years, she continued those traditions with her grandchildren- sharing laughter and love on trips to dance camp, Jellystone, birthday cruises, and simple backyard campouts.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mary Broughten, PA-C for her compassionate care and support.

"Don't weep at my grave, for I'm not there. I've got a date with an angel to dance in the air. I'll be singing in the sunshine, wild and free, playing tag with the wind while I'm waiting for thee."

A funeral service will be held at 11:00, Wednesday October 15th at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S 12th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Visitation one hour prior to the service with a reception following where all are welcome to gather and share stories.

Memorials preferred to Sharing and Caring Hands in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Lutheran Church (Mpls)
333 South 12th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Carol and Kay Marie were such a huge part of our lives when my girls were young. From 4 years old to high school they helped shape the confidence and character of my daughters. We bless Carol as she transitions to the studio in the sky and thank her for her sweet addition to our world. We love her dearly always!

pamela shearer - October 22, 2025 at 03:39 PM

KD

“ *What a beautiful legacy! Thank you for sharing the link to her service - it was beautiful.*

I was a 15-year student of the Minnetonka studio so never had Carol as a teacher, but was certainly a recipient and bystander of her grace and kindness. My family worked the Minnesota Dance Contest for many years and I have such fun memories of that along with the gatherings at her home afterward where she welcomed all of us, weary, tired, and giddy from the long days. That's also when I saw and admired the love and adorations her sons, Joe and Jeff, have for her. To me, that's the mark of a remarkable parent raising remarkable humans.

Years later, when my own children were students, I saw her at the various shows and, to my surprise, she remembered me and my family.

I remember her as graceful and humble. The one who would rather have a tent and a fishing pole over a five-star hotel.

I am so grateful for the experience I had all because she decided she wanted to teach some kids to dance.

Much love to all of her family.

Kary Delaria - October 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

TS

“ *Tom S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.*

Tom S. - October 17, 2025 at 08:24 AM

LJ

“ Love, Jay, Darcie Schulz, Shirley Jamie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.

Love, Jay, Darcie Schulz, Shirley Jamie - October 15, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LJ

“ Love, Jay, Darcie Schulz, Shirley Jamie purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Carol Singleton.



Love, Jay, Darcie Schulz, Shirley Jamie - October 15, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LB

“ Love Lloyd and Bonnie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.

Love Lloyd and Bonnie - October 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Singleton.



October 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM

YA

“ Your Teammates at Allianz purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Carol Singleton.



Your Teammates at Allianz - October 14, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DC

“ Diane C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.

Diane C. - October 14, 2025 at 10:18 AM

CA

“ Christine and staff at KMC Albertville purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Singleton.



Christine and staff at KMC Albertville - October 13, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JS

“ Judy Slattery purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Carol Singleton.



Judy Slattery - October 13, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Singleton.



October 12, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Love Sue Fair and all the Fair family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Singleton.



Love Sue Fair and all the Fair family - October 12, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Vicki Kurtz lit a candle in memory of Carol Singleton



Vicki kurtz - October 10, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ TCS Friends! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.

TCS Friends! - October 10, 2025 at 02:06 PM

TF

“ TCS Friends! purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Carol Singleton.



TCS Friends! - October 10, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MJ

“ Carol, you were so kind to me and my family. Dancing at your studio
was the highlight of my childhood. Thanks for being a special part of
my life. Rest in peace!

Mandy Jackson - October 10, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LR

“ Love Sister-Friend Linda & Friend Ron purchased
the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol
Singleton.



Love Sister-Friend Linda & Friend Ron - October 10, 2025 at
09:13 AM

MR

“ Marissa Rines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Singleton.

Marissa Rines - October 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MR

“ *Marissa Rines purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol Singleton.*



Marissa Rines - October 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *I was friends with Lloyd and Carol during our teenage years. Their mom also helped me out by lending me a sports jacket when I needed one. I also remember their father smoking cigars in the backyard. Lloyd and I did a lot of fun things, like building and riding bikes with lawn mower engines, water skiing, and making loud firecrackers. I was also good friends with Carol, as we went out several times and to a high school dance. So I have many fond memories of the Kreatz family during our younger years. It is so sad to hear of Carol's passing, as I will always remember her.*

David Gulczinski
twoguls@gmail.com

Jeanne Gulczinski - October 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ *Amber, Dana, Alexis & Morgan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Singleton.*



Amber, Dana, Alexis & Morgan - October 09, 2025 at 01:59 PM

KB

“ Kay Marie & Bob purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Carol Singleton.



Kay Marie & Bob - October 09, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MS

“ Where to start? Joe, Jeff and grandchildren our heartfelt sympathy. She was indeed a very special friend. When we first stepped foot into Kay Marie and Carol's little did we know that Carol would become a very close friend. From Camp Tuttle to the Minnesota Dance Contest, marching unit, to a Vegas trip Super Bowl parties, dance camp, and a cruise there are far too many memories and adventures to list here. She will be missed. She is missed

Mary Schuster - October 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Irene Singleton.

October 09, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Singleton.



October 09, 2025 at 11:25 AM