



Carol Louise-Edinger Smith

April 8, 1964 - October 19, 2024

Carol Louise-Edinger Smith passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the age of 60 with her husband, daughter, and son at her side in their home in Chanhassen, MN.

Carol will always be remembered as a beautiful loving wife, a caring mother, a gracious daughter, devoted sister, and cherished friend. She is survived by her husband Patrick "PJ" Smith, daughter, Shelby, son, Spencer, mother, Peggy Edinger, sister, Suzy (Krag), brother, Jess, Father in-law, Patrick Smith, brothers in-law, Brian (Carol), Mike, Matt (Lana), and beloved nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father Larry Edinger, Mother in-law Marilyn (Dennehy) Smith, and Grandparents, Robert Howard, Pearl (Emry) Howard, Jess Edinger, and Albina (France) Edinger.

Carol is admired for her strength and courage throughout her nearly 5 years battling cancer. She remained dedicated to her fight and was determined to take on any treatment or procedure which allowed for many great memories to be made.

Carol was born on April 8, 1964, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin to Larry and Peggy Edinger. Her family lived in Kennan, WI until 1976 when they moved to

Ogema, WI. Carol attended Prentice High School and was involved in many extracurricular activities and earned several awards. She was a point guard on the Prentice Buccaneer's girls' basketball team that won the state championship in her junior year in 1981.

Carol attended the University of Wisconsin, Stout in Menomonie, WI and graduated in 1986, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology, concentration in packaging. She interned at 3M and later joined their team full-time in 1988 as an Advanced Package Engineer, and later a Senior/Lead Package Engineer. Throughout her 11 years with 3M, she received several awards including 2 patents for the Scotch Tape "Refillable Tape Dispenser". For the last 20 years of her career, she worked at Boston Scientific as a Senior Manager of Package Engineering for the Cardiovascular R&D division, managing teams in Minnesota and Ireland.

She married her husband of 34 years, PJ, on October 13, 1990, and built a home in Chanhassen with him in 1991. In August 1994 they welcomed their daughter, Shelby, and they completed their family in September 1997 with their son, Spencer. Carol enjoyed raising their children in Chanhassen, she spent many evenings and weekends coaching basketball games, scoring baseball games, and supporting many extracurricular activities. She loved spending time with her family out on Lotus Lake, enjoying rides on their Jet Ski and time visiting with neighbors.

In her free time, Carol loved to read books, go on walks, garden, play games, bike, and cook with her family. She loved to decorate for every holiday and enjoyed entertaining friends and family for gatherings throughout the year. Carol had a passion for travel and visited many states and countries over the years. She grew to love Europe, often visiting Galway, Ireland for work where she spent 11 months on assignment with her husband in 2020. In addition to Europe, she enjoyed winter getaways to warm beaches. She was happy to

have experienced her final family trip in May of 2024 with her family where they traveled throughout Switzerland and Northern Italy by train.

Carol lived an extraordinary life and will be missed by so many.

Funeral Service Information:

Friday, November 8th, 2024, at St. Hubert Catholic Church

8201 Main St.

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Visitation from 10:00 -11:00 am

Prayer Service at 11:00 am, luncheon to follow

Flowers can be sent to St. Hubert Catholic Church at 8201 Main St, Chanhassen, MN 55317. Flowers are best to be delivered Thursday, November 7th, 2024, the day prior to the service, between 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

Carol was passionate about supporting the HealthPartners Frauenshuh Cancer Center where she received care for treatments. Donations can be made in her honor at this link: <https://www.healthpartners.com/care/specialty-centers/frauenshuh-cancer-center/donate/donate-form/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Huberts Catholic Church (Chanhassen - Main St.)
8201 Main Street
Chanhassen, MN

Prayer Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Huberts Catholic Church (Chanhassen - Main St.)
8201 Main Street
Chanhassen, MN

Reception

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Huberts Catholic Church (Chanhassen - Main St.)
8201 Main Street
Chanhassen, MN

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sincere sympathies to Carol's family. I worked with Carol for many years at Boston Scientific. She was a a great colleague, always a pleasure to work with, and when Carol spoke, we listened. Most of all, Carol was a lovely lady and I'm sorry that Covid prevented us from spending more in-person time during her stay in Galway. May she rest in peace.
Sinead Harvey

Sinead Harvey - November 07, 2024 at 06:49 AM

NS

“ So sorry for your loss. I was lucky enough to work for Carol as part of her team at Boston Scientific. She always challenged me in a positive way to push for excellence sharing her insights, candor, knowledge and experience. We always spent the first few minutes of our meetings sharing stories about our families, which led to lots of smiles and laughter. She will definitely be missed, my thoughts and prayers to her family.

Nick Schlaud - November 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ Deepest sympathies to the Smith and extending families on the sad passing of Carol. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad and difficult time.

Marguerite Duffy (Boston Scientific, Galway)

Marguerite Duffy - November 01, 2024 at 06:33 AM



CO

“ Condolences to the Smith family. I worked with Carol when she was based in Galway, she always brought a positive vibe & had a great spirit of collaboration. A lovely lady, a pleasure to work with, I'm sad reading about her passing, may she rest in peace. Claire O'Brien
RA Galway

Claire O'Brien - November 01, 2024 at 05:47 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Carol was an amazing person. We worked together for many years, and I always appreciated her intelligence, knowledge, dedication, and willingness to tell it like it is. She is definitely missed.

Dan Burgess - October 31, 2024 at 02:51 PM

RO

“ My sincere condolences to the Smith family. I worked alongside Carol whilst she was in Boston Scientific. She was an incredible colleague and leader, who brought calmness and happiness to the office everyday. My prayers to her family and friends.

Richie O'Sullivan - October 31, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ I spent many years working with carol and at all times she was a pleasure to be with, to work with and to enjoy the tough times and the laughs. She will be remembered here in Ireland as a superb work colleague and is very much missed. We did not get to see as much of Carol during COVID as we had hoped , but we hope that she enjoyed her time in Ireland. My sincere condolences to her family. Best Regards, Dermot Doherty.

dermot doherty - October 31, 2024 at 08:21 AM

KB

“ I had the honor of being one of beloved neighbors in the early days in Chanhassen. Made wonderful friends there. Carol was a great host and talented in the kitchen. She created impressive delights. A truly inspiring woman whose life reflected that in so many ways. The grief matches the love. My heart to all her family and friends.



Kathy Beckwith - October 30, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MF

“ Michelle Howard-Schwind and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol Louise-Edinger Smith.



Michelle Howard-Schwind and Family - October 29, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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“ Michelle Howard-Schwind and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Louise-Edinger Smith.

Michelle Howard-Schwind and Family - October 29, 2024 at 03:14 PM