



Carolyn Louise Dreeszen

March 1, 1955 - May 9, 2025

Carolyn Louise Dreeszen, age 70, of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with dementia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elvie and Norma Dreeszen; her brother, Roger Dreeszen; and her nephew, Aaron Dreeszen.

She is survived by her daughter, Rachel (Steve) Schwartz; beloved grandchildren, Evan and Olivia; special friend of many years, Mike Dries; former husband and devoted caregiver, Brooks Chantry; and many loving family members and friends.

Born on March 1, 1955, in Ida Grove, Iowa, Carolyn was the youngest of four children raised on Rolling Acres Farm in Cushing, Iowa. She cherished her childhood on the farm, where her deep love for animals began and never wavered.

After high school and some college, Carolyn met and married Brooks (Bill) Chantry. In 1982, they welcomed their daughter, Rachel.

Carolyn dedicated much of her career to the bar and restaurant industry, where her infectious smile and vibrant personality made her unforgettable. She made friends easily wherever she went, and held a special place in her heart for her years working at the Hopkins VFW Post 425 and the Hopkins

American Legion Post 320. It was during these years that she formed lifelong friendships, including a special 25-year bond with Mike Dries, often spent together with pull tabs and shared laughter.

Her love for animals was boundless. Carolyn had a soft spot for overlooked pets and frequently adopted animals from the Humane Society who needed a second chance. At one point, she lovingly cared for four cats, a dog, and a bird, whom only Carolyn could have truly loved. (If you know, you know!)

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 24, at 2:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel in Edina, MN.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carolyn's memory may be made to the Dementia Society of America, the Alzheimer's Association, or the Golden Valley Animal Humane Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *The Holstein (Iowa) High School Class of 1973 would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of our classmate, Carolyn Dreeszen. Carolyn will be remembered with a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. Rest in peace!!*

Molly Sample - May 20, 2025 at 05:06 PM

DJ

“ *TLC for all.*

Darlene Janing - May 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ *Doug & Pat Schultz lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Louise Dreeszen*



Doug & Pat Schultz - May 16, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DS

Our sympathy to your family!

Doug & Pat Schultz - May 16, 2025 at 05:10 PM

LH

So many treasured memories of time spent with dear friend Carolyn. RIP beautiful girl !

Lea Harbour - May 18, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MD

Miss you so much honey

Michael Dries - May 19, 2025 at 10:32 AM