



Carolyn Marie Melbye

July 29, 1942 - April 7, 2026

Carolyn Marie (Effenberger) Melbye was born in St. Paul, MN on July 29, 1942, to Jack and Louella Effenberger. She shared childhood with her younger sister Mary Lou. She had a passion for reading, and was a big fan of Nancy Drew. That passion led to her ultimate vocation as a school teacher and librarian.

Carolyn grew up in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. She attended Galtier grade school and Wilson High School. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with degrees in Elementary Education and Library Science.

Carolyn taught second grade at several St. Paul schools, including Lincoln and Maxfield. She loved teaching, and would spend hours on special projects for her students. Later she became the school librarian at Ramsey Jr. High.

It was there she met Robert "Bob" Melbye, a widower with two teen age daughters, Carol and Elaine. They lived on Lake Judy in Roseville. As Bob had dogs, she discovered a love for miniature poodles.

In addition to her poodles, Carolyn doted on her two young nephews. Whenever they visited, she would have a treasure hunt waiting for them. If they stayed overnight, Bob would feed them his "Awful Waffles." Her nephews

are left with many fond memories of their Auntie Carolyn and Uncle Bob.

After retirement they resided in Shoreview and Arden Hills. They were active in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville. Bob passed away in 1999.

Showing early signs of cognitive decline in 2004, Carolyn moved into independent living at Waverly Gardens in North Oaks. As her dementia progressed, she moved into memory care at Johanna Shores in Arden Hills, where she resided with loving care until she passed away April 7, 2026.

Carolyn is survived by her sister Mary Lou (Daryl) Gerke, step daughters Carol (Peter) Xenides and Elaine (Mark) Deminsky, and their families. She is buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Roseville, MN. She will be missed by all, and was a truly loving person who cared for everyone. May she rest in peace.