



Carolyn Marie Struve

June 14, 1947 - April 23, 2023

Carolyn Marie Struve (Sowles), age 75, of Minneapolis, died peacefully on April 23 rd , 2023. Born in 1947 to Laurence and Coralie Sowles, Carolyn graduated from Roosevelt High School (1965), received her nursing degree from St. Olaf College (1969), and her Master of Nursing from Wayne State Univ. (1973). She married James Struve in 1976 on a frost-bitten Valentine's Day. Carolyn found joy being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and sister. She particularly enjoyed making memories (apart from risky fireworks) and finding heart shaped rocks with her family at their cabin on Lake Superior in Knife River, MN. She was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, served as a parish nurse, led a grief group, was both a Camp Patmos Elementary Camp Director and Nurse, and was always up for an abundance of volunteer opportunities throughout her life... in a spirit of Robinhood. Notably, according to her son in law, Carolyn achieved a reputation as the kindest flu shot needle driver in the Mpls metro area. She spent her last years struggling with Alzheimer's Disease, being lovingly cared for by her family, best friend Ginny McMillan, and most recently the incredible staff at Emerald Crest, Burnsville. Although most memories left her in her final months, she never lost her beautiful smile. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents Laurence and Coralie Sowles. Survived by husband of 47 years, James; daughters Emily (Chris) Woodall, Laura Hanson, and Naomi (Peder) Hertsgaard; 5 grandchildren, Olaf, Orson, Ben, Mina, and Larry; sisters Cynthia (Steve), Charlene (Jack); brother Daniel (Julie); nieces & nephews.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Association, Metro Hope Ministries, Camp Patmos, or donor's choice. Memorial service, Thursday, May 25th at 11am with visitation 1/2 hour prior to the service at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Ave. St., Mpls.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls
5212 41st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Church Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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