



## J. Paul Carlson, M.D.

July 10, 1944 - August 3, 2024

Dr. J. Paul Carlson died at home in the company of his family on August 3, 2024, now free from Parkinson's and lung cancer.

J. Paul was born to medical missionaries in Chongqing, China on July 10, 1944. He grew up in Newman Grove, NE and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of MN Medical School. He practiced oncology and hematology at Park Nicollet Clinic and served as Medical Director of Methodist Hospice. He was active at Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

J. Paul's 56-year marriage to his wife Anne is a model of mutual sacrifice and caring devotion. He was an extraordinary dad and grandpa, and a compassionate, patient-centered physician. He cultivated an authentic faith and moored his life in simplicity, generosity and love for all people.

"Babbo", as his family knew him, could build just about anything with wood. He often arrived places by bicycle, with his pant leg tucked into his sock to keep it out of the chain. He cherished trips to Lanesboro and Grand Marais with family. He loved doing high dives into the lake, making big pots of stew, walking in the woods and singing with the Apollo Male Chorus. On long bike rides he would take his hands off the handlebars and stretch out his arms, singing Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." The world is more

wonderful for having had J. Paul in it.

Preceded in death by parents Emery and Elvera Carlson, sister Erleen, mother and father-in-law, Marta and Bill Berg, and sister-in-law Marcia Conrad. Survived by wife Anne (Berg) Carlson, children Jon (Mari), Jeff (Monica Mesa) and Katie Schoeppner (Matt) and grandchildren Emery Carlson, Maya and Hannah Carlson, and Beck and Ebba Schoeppner; siblings, Faith Carlson and Mark Carlson (Barbara).

Visitation 5-8pm Wednesday August 14th at Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. Memorial Service 11am Thursday August 15th with visitation beginning at 10am at Hope Community Church East (formerly Augustana Lutheran), 704 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis, 55415. Private interment Lakewood Cemetery. Donations in J. Paul's memory may be made to Augustana Lutheran Church, Community Emergency Service, or Park Nicollet Foundation.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

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

Hope Community Church - Downtown  
704 11th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

## Memorial Service

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

Hope Community Church - Downtown  
704 11th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Larkey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..*

The Larkey Family - August 14, 2024 at 11:11 AM



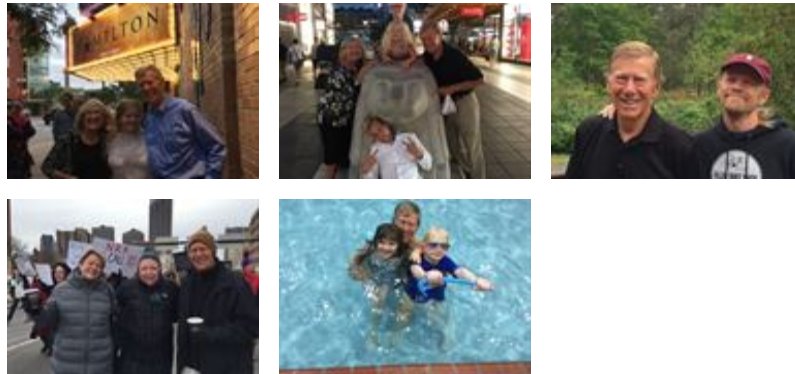
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..*



August 14, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Washburn-McReavy - August 13, 2024 at 11:57 AM

CT

“ I am sending prayers to Dr. J.P. Carlson's. family. May God be by your side. May he comfort and give you all strength. I am fortunate to have known and worked along side Dr. J.P. as a staff RN who worked at Merhodist Hospital. He was a caring kind hearted MD and gentleman.

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**Curt Taylor** - August 12, 2024 at 10:18 PM

RW

*I had the good fortune of being his pathetic from 1989 until his retirement. As an MD myself, I could easily recognize the full spectrum of his development as a healer and his humanity. I'm grateful for his care and grateful to still be alive. Rachel Trockman.*

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**rwtrrockman** - September 11, 2024 at 12:41 AM

OK

“ Okerman, Lyner, Gardner, Elizabeth, King purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..



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**Okerman, Lyner, Gardner, Elizabeth, King** - August 10, 2024 at 09:28 AM

MC

“ Mark and Barbara Carlson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..



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**Mark and Barbara Carlson** - August 08, 2024 at 05:21 PM

MC

“ Mark and Barbara Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..

Mark and Barbara Carlson - August 08, 2024 at 05:21 PM

LN

“ J.P. was the best physician I have ever known -- compassionate, knowledgeable, and a mentor to his peers. One evening when I was leaving Park Nicollet around 7pm on a dark winter evening, I saw a white coated man accompanying an elderly couple to their car in the parking garage. It was J.P. helping his patients find their way. He was my hero.

Lee Newcomer - August 08, 2024 at 09:39 AM


FP

“ From the Whittier Pack purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of J. Paul Carlson, M.D..



From the Whittier Pack - August 07, 2024 at 02:52 PM

BD

“ In 2006 my wife Terry and I came to Augustana Lutheran Church  in the Elliot Park community that we had recently moved to. We were welcomed by JPaul and Anne and I later served with them on the church council and at Community Emergency Service. J Paul literally inspired me to be a stronger person for my community and my wife.

Bob Day - August 06, 2024 at 07:21 PM