



Lucile Swetland Carman

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Aged 92, Lucile Evelyn Swetland Carman died on January 23, 2024 of Alzheimer's dementia at Walker Methodist Place in Minneapolis, MN. She was born to Rupert and Elizabeth (Speakman) Swetland in Schenectady, NY. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Pauline Hutchinson, and by two of her children: Jim Carman and Paul Carman.

She grew up in Schenectady, received a BA from Bucknell University in PA, and earned a Masters in Library Education at SUNY-Geneseo while working as a librarian in Rochester, NY. She, and her husband, Robert Carman, worked for 31 years as American Baptist missionaries, where Bob was assigned to the faculty of the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India. She continued to be involved in establishing and maintaining libraries and archives throughout her life. Lu was a welcoming, caring and consummate hostess, enjoyed singing soprano in church choirs, felt passionately about peace, justice, and the environment, and became very involved in mental health concerns after her youngest child died battling Schizophrenia. She met challenges with resiliency, optimism, faith and love. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, her sister Alice (Jim) Keighton, her other two children Chuck (Susy) Carman and Betsy (David) Perkins, daughter-in-law Karen Fassett-Carman, eight grandchildren and their spouses / partners, and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM March 23 at University Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN. Memorial gifts should be sent to the Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 725, New York, NY 10115. Cards may be sent to Robert Carman, 3701 Bryant Ave S., Apt 201, Minneapolis, MN 55409

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Lu's passing. I remember hanging out at the Carman house in Kodai during summer vacation. I remember her as relaxed and very kind. Will be praying for the Carman family. Judy (Jones) Flores*

Judy Flores - February 02, 2024 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Our Deepest Condolences to All the Carman Family... Lucile, Bob and other family members have been stalwarts in the Kodai Community in South India and Beyond... With Our Prayers...*

David Blake Willis - January 29, 2024 at 03:10 PM