



Marilyn Jean Carlson

July 17, 1943 - November 11, 2023

Carlson, Marilyn Jean, age 80, of Arden Hills, MN passed away peacefully in her sleep November 11, 2023.

Survived by her children Kelly Rech, Jerry Carlson, and Terri (Steve) Munson; Grandchildren Sarah (Tyler) Schultz, Jeff (Megan) Rech, Mitch and Sam Munson; and Great Grandchildren Hallie, Hunter and Lucas, Sister in law Ruth and many other family and friends.

Preceded in death by her sister Bev and brother Kevin.

Marilyn grew up in Roseville, MN where she made the most wonderful lifetime friends. Playing piano was her favorite hobby and was forever entertaining her relatives growing up. She graduated from Ramsey High School and then from the University of Minnesota with her associate degree in business administration. She enjoyed working for Ramsey County in juvenile probation as a secretary for over 30 years. Her co-workers would describe Marilyn as the center of the office. She thrived on helping others and being a Mom to anyone who needed it. She also worked part time for JCPenney's in the bedding and bath department. She was always extremely proud of the sales and clearance finds. There was never a shortage of towels and sheets in the house. We are eternally grateful for how hard she worked to support us. For nearly 20 years, she volunteered organizing Christmas baskets at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. She called the families in need and personally added extra necessities and toys for the children who needed them.

Family was everything to Marilyn. Birthdays and holidays were always the priority. Her favorite days were when everyone was together talking, eating a meal or playing cards. She loved nothing more than sitting in her recliner reading to her Grandkids, knitting or watching tv with her dog tucked next to her. Shopping and finding a good deal are a close second! She solidified our faith through many years of attending Outlaw Ranch family camp in Custer, South Dakota. Mom made friends for life at Outlaw Ranch with staff and campers alike. She was always willing to help friends in whatever way she could. She had the biggest heart, expressing her love by giving gifts and advice, in the most loving way possible.

Memorials of your choice or planting a tree are preferred over flowers.

On Saturday, November 25th, there will be a visitation at 10:00 a.m. and Celebration of Marilyn's life at 11:00 a.m. at Washburn McReavy Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Highway 96 West, Shoreview, MN 55126.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Jean Carlson



December 14, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Kelly, Terri and Jerry. Your mom could make do, and often so much more, no matter how hard life could be. She was an amazing woman.

DeAnne Hilgers - November 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so deeply saddened to hear that Marilyn has passed away. She was a strong lady that I admired greatly. I would ask Marilyn lots of advice while we were working at JCPenney. She was such a hard worker and kept me on my toes. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss!



Carla Shafer - November 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM