



Carmen L. Larson

October 6, 1944 - April 12, 2023

Carmen Lee Larson, 78, of Cushing, MN, passed away on April 12, 2023 from natural causes after being diagnosed with leukemia in 2021. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Living Waters Lutheran Church, 1911 4th Ave N, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Service at noon followed by a meal and fellowship. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to the American Cancer Society.

Carmen Lee O'Flanagan was born to Giles and Edna O'Flanagan on October 6, 1944, in Hinckley, MN. She moved to White Bear Lake, MN, during her elementary years where she graduated from high school in 1962. On December 5, 1970, Carmen married Jeff Larson. In addition to creating wonderful memories over 50 years of her life with Jeff, Carmen loved and was deeply loved by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends.

Carmen's life-long love of words and puzzles enabled her to enjoy a career as a proofreader at West Publishing Company for 35 years. While balancing a career and raising children, Carmen attended St. Catherine University in St. Paul. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in social work.

Carmen was quick-witted and loved word-play. Her skill with word games - especially Scrabble - was legendary among her circle of family and friends.

She had the ability to make someone laugh and smile as she completely defeated them.

Carmen had the gift of making plans that included everyone. From vacations to projects around the house, she loved working with others to bring visions and dreams to life. She always had something to look forward to: planning parties, home improvement projects, and holidays. Family gatherings often included a game of cards. While she was a canny and clever competitor, Carmen was able to teach people of all ages to play cards and instilled her love of the games to other generations.

In her free time, Carmen enjoyed her expansive Department 56 collection, with pieces she'd gathered in her travels with Jeff to see family and friends. She loved to read, primarily romance novels. An embroidery project, craft, or quilt was regularly in progress. Watching flowers grow and photographing wildlife kept her busy for hours. In addition to being an armchair sports enthusiast with Jeff, she took great pride in supporting her children and grandchildren as they played sports or participated in extracurricular activities. Carmen enjoyed her role as their biggest cheerleader.

Carmen is survived by her husband, Jeff Larson, three children, Tauna Quimby (Mike), Eric (Carri) Larson, Brent (Katie) Larson; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Danny (Kathy) O'Flanagan and Sandi Jellum; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Waters Lutheran Church
1911 4th Avenue North
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Celebration of Life Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ JW and family, my heart breaks for you all. Though it has been many years since Carmen and I worked together, she was a wonderful mentor and friend. I enjoyed time spent with your family as well. Memories come flooding back, all fun, interesting, and joyful. Memorizing the Supreme Court justices and their ages, only working when the co-workers behind us were working, talk about a boring day! and so many others. Carmen made my early work days very enjoyable. Very sorry for your loss, JJo

Judy Lacroix - April 20, 2023 at 06:26 PM

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Larson.



April 20, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ Vanvickle, Hengel, Steinemann family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carmen L. Larson.



Vanvickle, Hengel, Steinemann family - April 18, 2023 at 08:16 PM



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April 18, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *To the Larson family, our deepest condolences. We feel very grateful to have had the pleasure of knowing Carmen. We will always remember her shining smile. Sending lots of love to you all.*

Randy & Shelly Meech - April 18, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Such an absolutely beautiful and loving story of Carmen's grace and passion for life. I worked with Carmen for many, many years. Her positive energy kept many of us happy at work, I always knew to visit her when I needed to smile. I'm so grateful I was able to meet her in my lifetime. My sympathies to your entire family and friends.*

Chris Robinson - April 17, 2023 at 06:17 PM



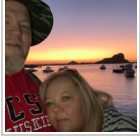
“ *Jeff and family, I am so sorry! I always enjoyed Carmen at our family events. I always enjoy seeing the Larsons Sending my prayers to you all!*

lori erickson - April 17, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *A beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman who lived her life well ❤️ prayers and love to everyone who loves Carmen*

Todd and Kathy Johnston - April 17, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ *Carmen was such a blessing to us all. Her love of family, friends, flowers and wildlife (from the comfort of her chair of course) graced us in all of life’s beauty. She will forever be loved in our hearts with these memories. She was the glue connecting our family in all our stickiness. ❤️*

Katie Larson - April 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM