



Dolores J. Carlson

June 4, 1939 - June 1, 2024

Dolores J. Carlson, 84 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Keith Bergstrom officiating. Burial will take place in the Freedhem Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Freedhem, MN. A visitation will be held from 12-2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Dolores to The Morrison County Animal Humane Society. Caring for Dolores and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Dolores was born on June 4, 1939, in Little Falls to the late Roy and Janet (Dahlgren) Carlson. The oldest of four, Dolores grew up on the family farm outside of Little Falls, attended the nearby country school, and graduated from high school in Little Falls in 1957. In 1959, she started her work as a secretary for the Little Falls high school in the old Central Office building. During her 50 years as one of the high school "office ladies", she was the principal's secretary in three different buildings and for each of the principals during that time. She worked with hundreds of teachers (and probably had to find a substitute teacher for every one of them at some point) and thousands of students - including her own sister and brothers, two nieces and a nephew, and she only chose to retire when her great-nephew graduated in 2009.

Dolores supported Flyers athletics and was a big fan of Minnesota sports: the Gophers, Vikings, Timberwolves, and especially the Minnesota Twins – Marty Cordova, Joe Mauer, and Justin Morneau in particular. She tended a garden, made delicious bars, pies, fruit crisps, snack mix and frozen corn - always sharing her garden veggies and goodies. Dolores enjoyed classic country music, trips to the casino, scratch-offs, and spending time with her “birthday group” of friends and former coworkers. She loved nature, a nice drive on a country road, and feeding and watching the backyard birds - cardinals were her favorite.

Dolores loved the family farm and was an immense help to her parents throughout their lives. She stayed on “The Farm” until 2015. Dolores loved all animals her entire life including horses (especially appaloosas), lambs, dogs, and cats. A bottle-fed lamb was not an uncommon sight in the farmhouse kitchen or even the high school office. Barn cats were always fed and watered, and many stray cats found their way inside to a new life as a house cat. While she was on the farm, Dolores was never without a dog by her side, including the most recent - her beloved lab, Abby.

Dolores is survived by her brothers, Doug (Cindy) Carlson of Harris, MN, Loren (Barb) Carlson of Little Falls; niece Anne Urbanski of El Paso, TX and great-nephew, Michael (Erin) Urbanski and their son, Mason of Jacksonville, NC; niece, Stacy (Eric) Frayseth, great-niece, Holly Frayseth and great-nephew, Adam Frayseth of Cokato, MN; nephew, Mark Carlson of Minneapolis; brother-in-law, David Gasparac of Robbinsdale, MN; nephew, David Gasparac Jr. of Robbinsdale; great-niece, Emily Gasparac, and great-nephew, Jack Gasparac; nephew, Craig Gasparac of Minneapolis; cousins, many friends, neighbors and former coworkers; and the last of Dolores’ rescued stray cats, Lily (also of Cokato).

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Janet and her sister, Karen.

The family wishes to thank the St Croix Hospice team and the nurses and aides at Highland for their compassionate care of Dolores.

Cemetery Details

Freedhem Evangelical Cemetery

Freedhem, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dolores J. Carlson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 06, 2024 at 01:26 PM

CV

“ *What a lovely tribute to a wonderful soul. My condolences to her family. Such good memories we hold in our hearts of Dolores, her kindness and goodwill towards all.*

Carol Valesano - June 14, 2024 at 12:57 PM

BC

“ *In my 32 years teaching in the district. DELORES was the ROCK If you wanted to know what was happening in the district. Her advice was always right on point. Plus she was a fantastic person. Ask any of the administrators she worked for! Rest in peace. Dick Culshaw*

Bev and Dick Culshaw - June 13, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Dolores J. Carlson*



Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille - June 11, 2024 at 06:31 PM

JK

“ *She always had a smile for everyone. Loved sharing books with her.*



Judi Kosbau - June 10, 2024 at 11:53 PM

EM

“ *Dear Dave Jr., Craig, and Dad, and all of Dolores' family, I am remembering Dolores with great fondness, from times when we visited at the farm with you all, all of the kitties and cows or when everyone was gathered at Dad and Karen's. She was always willing to be the one to cuddle the babies. And of course, that wonderful cinnamon coffee cake. Please know my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the rest of the family as you celebrate her life and mourn her passing. Love you all. Elizabeth*

Elizabeth Gasparac Mika - June 10, 2024 at 05:16 PM

KP

“ *I've forgotten many of my teachers as I've grown older. But this little office lady was always ready with a smile, (even if you were in trouble with The Principal). Go rest high.*



Karen Przybilla - June 07, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DL

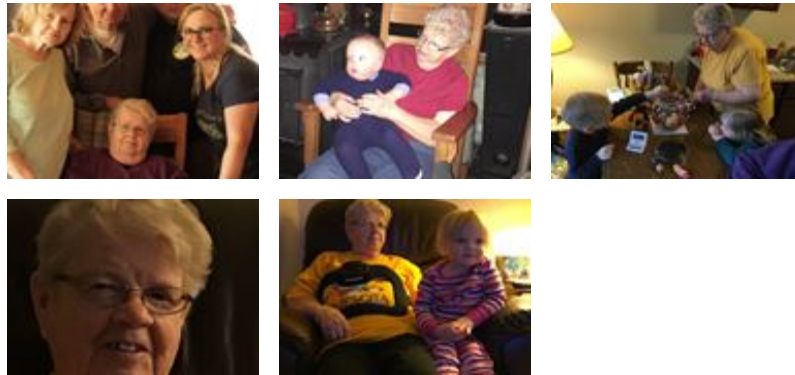
“ *DelRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Dolores J. Carlson*



DelRae LeBlanc - June 06, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *23 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 06, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *38 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 05, 2024 at 02:49 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dolores. What a very kind and special lady! I have so many fond memories of her...the twinkle in her eye, slight grin and soft chuckle. Not to mention the effortless juggling she did with all of the requests thrown at her simultaneously - what a pro! She was an invaluable asset to LFCHS for so many years and to the principals she worked with (my dad can attest to that)! Everyone will agree - Dolores ran that school!
My thoughts are with you all at this time. May she rest in peace...a forever Flyer Fan!
Love,
Shari Force-Smith

Shari Force-Smith - June 05, 2024 at 10:19 AM

MS

“ Mark & Pam Savage lit a candle in memory of Dolores J. Carlson



Mark & Pam Savage - June 05, 2024 at 12:40 AM

KK

“ Have many memories of her. Rest in peace



Kathy Garrison Kloss - June 04, 2024 at 08:51 PM

JM

“ *Judy Moran-Jensen lit a candle in memory of Dolores J. Carlson*



Judy Moran-Jensen - June 04, 2024 at 07:37 PM

SR

“ *Sympathy to Delores's family. She was always a welcome face in the office and a wealth of information. Sharon & Rick Radl*



Sharon Radl - June 04, 2024 at 07:25 PM

BJ

“ *We wish to extend our deepest condolences to Delores's family. She was an incredible person and huge part of how well the high school functioned. She was kind and caring with the people she worked with and respectful to the people she encountered being the secretary. I really appreciated her dedication and friendship. Rest in peace Delores!*
Bob & Sonya Just

Bob & Sonya Just - June 04, 2024 at 03:07 PM

AN

Thank you for the kind words. Her dedication to LFCHS was unparalleled!

Anne Urbanski, niece - June 04, 2024 at 09:05 PM

LO

“ My sympathy to Delores’s brothers Doug and Loren. I enjoyed my visits with Delores I enjoyed talking to her about the MN Twins. She was a great lady. Sure will miss her.



Laurie Ochoa - June 03, 2024 at 10:34 PM

RS

“ To the Delores Carlson family, our deepest sympathies & condolences & prayers to Delores. She was a very wonderful person an always willing to lend a helping to those in need. She will be remembered for all she done for people over the years. May she rest peacefully in heaven with her Heavenly Father. God’s blessings on her loving family.



Richard R. Schneider - June 03, 2024 at 08:14 PM

CF

“ Connie Fenske sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolores J. Carlson



Connie Fenske - June 03, 2024 at 05:55 PM

AD

“ Ann Doble lit a candle in memory of Dolores J. Carlson



Ann Doble - June 03, 2024 at 04:15 PM