



Carolyn Ann Carroll

October 4, 1941 - January 6, 2021

Carolyn entered this world on October 4, 1941, a “small but mighty” 5 lb. 15 oz. baby to proud parents Edward and Genevieve Peplinski. This description stayed with Carolyn throughout her life. There were few things she did not achieve once she set her mind to it.

Carolyn grew up in Traverse City and attended St. Francis Schools from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. She was a go-getter...she played the accordion and she was one of 4 cheerleaders on the squad throughout her high school days. As a senior, Carolyn started dating the love of her life, Jim Carroll. They married soon after high school on May 10, 1961.

Carolyn and Jim started their family and had three children, Michael, Scott and Kristin. Their family became the focal point of their lives, and Carolyn was never too busy to fiercely advocate for anything her children and husband wanted to pursue. Tragically, Carolyn and Jim lost their daughter Krissy to Cystic Fibrosis at age 4.

Carolyn and Jim managed and eventually owned Carroll's Bakery where Carolyn was responsible for the bookkeeping. Other career moves led her to managerial positions with Pointes North Inn and Britten Media.

Carolyn was a devoted wife and mother and was selfless in her pursuit of making the people in her life happy and fulfilled. Weekends were filled with equestrian competitions and motocross races with her sons. She was a devoted Gladiator fan and rarely missed a game. Jim has coached football, basketball and track at St. Francis High School for 69 years, and Carolyn knew that coaching was what Jim loved to do. She always made sure his clothes were ready and the path was clear for him to get to the games and practices on time.

Carolyn carried on these selfless traditions with her grandchildren. She loved to travel with them to places they chose. She always made sure they had fun, sometimes surprising them with her tenacity.

Carolyn faced challenges in her life, losing her daughter Krissy, undergoing a single lung transplant from Pulmonary Fibrosis at age 72, and caring for her parents in their later years. Her will to overcome hardships was ever present.

She was indeed a gift to all of us and will be sorely missed.

Carolyn leaves behind her husband of 67 years, Jim Carroll; sons Michael and Scott; grandchildren Savannah, Gunnar, Logan, Ashton and Peyton; sister Arlene Hinds; many in-laws and fellow outlaws, nephews and nieces. She has been reunited in heaven with beautiful Krissy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, January 14, 2021, 1:00 PM, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Traverse City. Visitation will take place Wednesday, January 13 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home from 2-4 PM, and again from 6-8 PM; the Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 PM. Carolyn will be laid to rest in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens following Mass.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, at CFF.org

Events

JAN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** 01:00PM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Funeral Mass



Reynolds Jonkhoff - February 17 at 04:02 PM



“ I sit here after reading Mrs Carroll's Obituary with a tear in my eye and a smile on my face. I vividly remember all the pre practice meals at the Carroll Home and the mornings sneaking doughnuts at the bakery. Scott is a dear friend and Jim and Caroline were like second parents. Caroline always had a huge smile and was so positive! Thank you Caroline for all the beautiful memories and I miss you all.
Sincerely, Jeff Newman

jeff newman - January 18 at 06:31 PM



“ Jim, Mike and Scott,
Our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Carolyn was truly an inspiration. The service at St. Francis was beautiful and a reflection of her life.
Joe and Deb Conklin

Joe and Deb Conklin - January 14 at 04:29 PM



“ Sorry for your loss coach and family

Sergio Contreras - January 13 at 08:01 PM



“ Jim, Mike, and Scott
Adrienne and I were sad to get the news of Carolyn's passing. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and Gladiator supporter. We will miss her as will all of the Gladiator family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!
Jim and Adrienne Rossi

Jim Rossi - January 13 at 09:20 AM



“ So sorry Jim and family, Our prayers are with you God Bless you and the family. Ken and Pat Kleinrichert

Ken Sr - January 13 at 09:07 AM



“ What a loss for the human race. We love you Carolyn and will grieve your death for a very long time. Such a classy woman. Big heart and great love for her family and friends. God bless all of you who knew her and loved her. Jim and family you're in our prayers. Our deepest sympathy. Also a note of condolences to Arlene.
Love, The Novak's; Mark, Barb and Troy

Barb Novak - January 12 at 11:42 PM



“ Darlene A. Miller lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ann Carroll



Darlene A. Miller - January 12 at 01:25 AM



“ Arlene,
So sorry for the loss of your sister. May our loving Lord wrap His arms of comfort, strength, love and peace around you and all family members. I remember Carolyn from many years ago and just want to add that I thought she was very sweet and special woman. You are in my prayers.

Darlene Miller

Darlene A. Miller - January 12 at 01:24 AM



“ Carolyn, as a young wife and mother, you were always my model of the perfect spouse to your absent football coach, husband. You'd tell me, "He's doing what he loves and that's important." As I griped and moaned, you'd just give me a hug, and somehow it was better! (Although, I did catch you rolling your eyes more than once at the marathon football banquets that lasted until midnight.) Please know that we realize you are now pain free, but you will be missed. We will take care of your best friend, Jim, but we also realize you are now an angel looking over him with your love. Until we meet again...

Maureen

Maureen Bauer - January 11 at 09:06 PM



“ 'Mrs Carroll' was always a presence in my days from being neighbors on Broadview Terrace and again on the peninsula into sports where she never missed a game it seems. Always there to encourage and help. Countless meals and donuts after practices at IC! Praying for the entire family. The memories are as current today as they were back then and am grateful for sharing Caroline sharing a part of her life with mine. Scott, your mom was part of a great set of mom's in our crew that helped us stay on the right track. God Bless you all.

Bill Connolly - January 11 at 02:02 PM



“ Jim, I know that the loss of Carolyn will leave a void in your life, but your lifetime friendship, marriage and partnership will provide wonderful memories to brighten your days ahead. I remember her as a classmate who was very easy to like with her positive and friendly personality. Obviously, she continued that way for all her life.

Dr. Tom Plough

tom plough - January 10 at 11:39 AM



“ Jim, you and Carolyn were the bright spots in my days at Britten. Carolyn's kindness and her positive outlook always made each day brighter. Your big hugs and Carolyn with her big smiles provide me with wonderful memories. Jim, I am holding you and your wonderful family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless!

Sincerely,
Marcia Anderson

Marcia Anderson - January 10 at 09:44 AM



“ I was so very saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. I was always greeted with a bright smile and a warm hug. I will always remember her as my co-Godmother. Praying your joyful memories will stay with you everyday. Jodi McGowan

Jodi McGowan - January 09 at 09:30 PM



“ Jim-So very sorry for your loss. Carolyn was a true example of Beautiful Inside & Out. Not only a true beauty but also such a kind, caring lady. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Vince & Paula Prusick - January 09 at 03:54 PM



“ To the entire Carroll family & anyone who was lucky enough to know & adore Carolyn, I am sorry to read of her passing, especially during this time of worldwide pandemic, when being close to family & friends is a danger. I was fortunate to work with Carolyn for eight years. She was a sweet, hilarious, calm, diligent, kindhearted, hardworking colleague & friend. My hope is that each person who is struggling with her loss finds peace through their grief journey. Big love to all.

Jenn Ryan - January 08 at 11:39 AM



“ Neil and I are so sad to hear this. Carolyn was so very helpful when Neil was first going the process of a lung transplant. Every time she came and talked to us we had more questions she even came to the hospital and talked to us. She was our life line and a wealth of information for us. So sorry for your families loss. Prayers and Blessings

Neil and Sue Livasy - January 07 at 06:47 PM



“ Jim and family. Very sorry for your loss. Mary Burns Marois

Mary Marois - January 07 at 03:33 PM