



Carol S. Carlson

February 28, 1929 - April 19, 2023

Carol Schumacher Carlson, of Ridgeland, South Carolina, formerly of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan and Simsbury, Connecticut, passed away April 19, 2023. The daughter of the late Carl Henry Schumacher and Ruth (Wilkie) Schumacher, Carol was born February 28, 1929 in Highland Park, Michigan.

Carol grew up in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, graduated from Lincoln High School, Ferndale, as salutatorian and attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1951. After marrying Frederick Warren Carlson in 1952 (div. 1974), Carol worked at J. Walter Thompson in Manhattan before becoming a home maker and raising her four children in Simsbury, Connecticut. When she went back to work in the early 1970s, Carol worked as a store manager, a bank teller, and eventually at CIGNA insurance as an insurance claims processor until her retirement in 1990. She moved back to her childhood home in Pleasant Ridge in 1990 and eventually to Ridgeland, South Carolina in 2015. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Michigan Alumni Association, and was an avid U-M Wolverine fan. She attended Episcopal churches throughout her life. She enjoyed playing bridge, needlepoint, reading, and crossword puzzles. She was a member of the Birmingham Republican Womens' Club and worked as a poll inspector in Oakland County elections.

Loving mother of Frederick Hilton Carlson (Nancy Flury Carlson) of

Monroeville, Pennsylvania, James Edward Carlson of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, David Carl Carlson of Tariffville, Connecticut, and Elizabeth Ruthmarie Carlson of Ridgeland, South Carolina. Proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Ellen Carlson Porter (Robert Porter) of Brentwood, Pennsylvania, Frederick Albert Carlson of Brentwood, Pennsylvania, Danielle Carlson Harvey (Bronson Harvey) of Denver, Colorado, Renee Elizabeth Carlson (fiancée Mark Miller) of Boiling Springs, South Carolina, and Samuel David Hilton Carlson of Simsbury, Connecticut; and three great grandchildren: Audrey Elisabeth Porter, Madeline Freya Porter, and Henry Wolfgang Porter all of Brentwood, Pennsylvania.

Carol's final resting place will be at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made in Carol's name to Friends of Caroline Hospice in Ridgeland, South Carolina.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Hello Carlsons,

Sorry to hear of your Mom, Carol Carlson's passing. She certainly lived a long life and, by the sounds of it, a fruitful one. I have great memories in our early years in Simsbury with the Carlsons and those on Woodcliff Drive, Oak Glen Court and Crane Place.

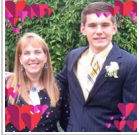
Your Mom was a very striking woman; and from what I remember very lively as well. Attached is a picture I was able to find of Carol and my Mom, Gloria, at a Christmas Eve Party in 1968.

May the Lord comfort you all and bless & prosper the Carlson Family for years to come,

John Sireci



John Sireci - April 30, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ I am having a tough time trying to articulate my love for Mrs. C - she was ever present in my childhood, and she always kept up with our family throughout the years. My best days were when my mom and Mrs. C let Liz and I have lunch together, or have a sleepover, she was simply woven into the fabric of my life with my BestFriendInTheWholeWideWorld, Liz. Just the sound of her voice transports me right back to the 60s and 70s. Hardworking, smart, and the most matter-of-fact. I am confident she will be setting people straight up in heaven. And I know she will be looking her best, as she and I were twinning a bit in this photo from a wedding in the 80s. Godspeed, Mrs. C - with much love to you and your dear family.



Catherine Medovich - April 26, 2023 at 01:32 PM

BH

“ The Carlson family Carol has been a good friend to me and my family. My thoughts and prayers are with you Bob Hickey

Bob Hickey - April 25, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MC

“ I have so many memories of Carol Carlson it's hard to pick just one so here are a couple. Occasionally I would tag along when Carol and some of her kids would go grocery shopping. As an only child I was stunned at the amount of food she would buy for her 4 kids (3 boys). It would literally fill up two shopping carts, all the while she was trying to control her kids who were running around in the store.

She was extremely tolerant of the loud rock band practice sessions that her oldest (Fred) would hold in their garage or back patio. When asked how she handled that, her reply was something like, "I know where they are and it keeps them out of trouble".

One tough, amazing lady.

MARK CAMPBELL - April 21, 2023 at 09:19 AM

PA

“ I'm going to miss hearing your voice when i was talking to Liz, or sharing my popcorn 🍿 at the movies. RIP Carol! You will be missed...Pam Perrin



Pam - April 20, 2023 at 11:04 PM

JS

“ I’ve known Carol all my life. Her husband and my dad worked at Combustion Engineering in NY. I was a playpen buddy with Fred while our mothers chatted, had coffee, and did all the things a housewife did in the late ‘50s. In 1960, both our families were transplanted to Simsbury, CT in a corporate transfer. The Carlsons and Sirecis grew up together in the same neighborhood. There wasn’t anything either family would not do for the other. Carol was my second mom, as Gloria was Fred’s second mom. We grew up with neighborhood block parties, cart races, sleepovers, bridge games, pinochle games, and a variety of kids games. I was able to spend some time with Carol at her granddaughter’s wedding in 2015. We continued to exchange Christmas cards and and infrequent video calls. She is now at peace, playing bridge with Gloria, Tony, and Flo.

Joe Sireci - April 20, 2023 at 09:23 PM