



Mary Louise Carlson

May 24, 1939 - July 29, 2018

Mary Louise Carlson was born on May 24, 1939 in Alexandria, South Dakota to Rachael Lehnert (Matteson) and Robert Lehnert. Soon after Mary Louise was born, she moved with her parents to Newberg, Oregon in order to join extended family and for work opportunities. They made one final move to Seattle, Washington and made that their final home. Mary Louise grew up with three younger brothers, Jim, Bob, and Jay Lehnert. Mary Louise attended Holy Angels Academy, an all-girls Catholic school, and graduated in 1957. Following high school she attended Seattle University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. While participating at a social event during her nursing practicum at American Lake in Lakewood, Washington, and just before getting ready to leave for her next practicum in Spokane, Washington, Mary Louise met the love of her life who also happened to be living in Spokane. She and Merle Carlson were married on May 5, 1962 in Spokane. Two years later they moved back to Merle's hometown of Culver, Oregon and began farming. Soon after, their son Scott was born April 18, 1965 and then their daughter Karen was born July 7, 1966. Mary Louise loved being a mom first. She was very involved in her children's lives, making home a wonderful place to be, but she also had many other personal and professional interests. She was a talented artist who specialized in capturing the beautiful scenery around her in her paintings. She had the unique experience of sharing her work in an art show held in New York City and also had the honor of having one of her most well-known paintings, aptly named "Sentinels of the Desert,"

commissioned and placed in the Oregon State Governors office. In addition, she later earned her Masters in Counseling, dedicating her time helping abused and battered women for whom she had a tremendous heart. Mary Louise had a passionate faith in Jesus Christ and was ordained as a minister, leading a church in the mountains of Troy, Oregon for many years. She loved and served others and over the years many lives were influenced by her teaching, love, and support. There were not enough days to fulfill all of Mary Louise's interests and dreams. Mary Louise is survived by her husband Merle Carlson, her two children Scott Carlson (Elisa) and Karen Eckart (John), her grandchildren Haley Grant, Colin Grant, Traver Carlson and Avery Carlson, her three brothers, James Lehnert (Joana), Robert Lehnert (Gloria), and Jay Lehnert (Martha) plus many, many nieces and nephews and dear friends. There will be a service at 1:00pm on Friday, August 3, 2018 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond Oregon with a reception and celebration of life following the service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Central Christian School Legacy Annual Fund for student tuition grants.

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street

Redmond, OR

US 97756

Tribute Wall



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Redmond Memorial Chapel - July 12, 2023 at 02:20 PM

FO

“ Mary Louise Carlson

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I started to walk my dog in the cemetery there Saturday morning shortly after 9. I saw this ceremony going on and we we went a different direction out of respect. We finished our walk making a big loop right as the family was leaving. We watched the casket go down from a distance and mourned for the family. Later that evening I had to go back and see who it was for some reason. I talked to your mom and told her it was ok. I figured it had to be scary. I told her I hoped she knew Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Now I am pretty certain she did after reading this obituary. She is in a much better place as you well know, but I grieve for the family. I told her my name and told her I would stop by and check on her regularly. We are spitual beings in a human experience. Her experience looks to have been a wonderful one, and now she is with her Lord for eternity. Praise Jesus and God bless you all

Aaron - August 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mary Louise will be missed. We have been praying for all of you. Dan, Laura and Mikayla

Dan and Laura Carlson - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Merle, Scott and Karen, so very sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family. Love Jeff, Tanya and the boys

Jeff and Tanya Urbach - August 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ She will be greatly missed.

Richard Eberhard - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ She was an instrumental part of our family, her love, knowledge, and teachings of God's Grace will be greatly missed!

Barnea Family - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mary Louise was an angel to my family and I. She demonstrated Christ's love with open arms, so gentle and kind. She will be greatly missed. Knowing that she loved the Lord and finished her work on Earth brings us peace. Please accept our condolences. Love you Mary Louise.

Shauna - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Sorry for the loss of MaryLou. She was always so gracious and full of life. Positive thoughts and prayers for Merle, Scott. & Karen.

Kris (Baker) Dorrn - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Karen I am so sorry to read this kiddo! you favor your mom! I will be lifting you up during this hard time!

Lana Kirkland - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM