



Marian Lee Carlson

November 20, 2018

From the time she learned to read through the week of her death, Marian Lee Carlson frequented libraries. Her favorites were the Wickham Branch Library and the Raymond Library of the East Hartford Public Libraries. Her last check-out included a cookbook, a dog book, a few mysteries, historical fiction, a medical drama, and a book to teach her caregiver about Harriet Tubman. On November 20, 2018, three days before her 83rd birthday, Marian Lee Carlson, 82, said goodbye to us. Lee was born to Carl Gustaf Carlson and Edith Elisabeth (Clark) Carlson in 1935 in Hartford, CT. Like her mother before her, she was a lifelong resident of East Hartford. She attended Woodland School and East Hartford High School, class of 1953. She graduated from Upsala College in 1957 where she met David H. Carlson. They were married at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT on August 17, 1957. He predeceased her in October 6, 2016. Together they raised 2 daughters in East Hartford: Deborah Ruth Carlson White of Orono, ME and Melissa Beth Carlson Golden of East Hartford, CT. Lee was a born teacher. Her professional life focused on teaching and learning both as an educator and as an individual. She taught at several East Hartford Public Schools, but most of her teaching was done at Woodland School and Langford School. She was an active member of the East Hartford Education Association. Her 'Retired Teachers Lunch Group' was a monthly highlight that kept dear friends connected. She also had many friends from raising and showing Welsh Pembroke Corgis with the Mayflower Corgi Club. She was proud of her daughters and their families: William D. Golden (deceased), Timothy J. White, Carl A. White, and Elizabeth R. White. She loved to visit with family and friends including her little brother and his late wife, David C and Nancy J. Carlson, and her cousins, as well as her husband's family, the late Rev. Theodore E. Carlson and wife Elaine, Ruth Carlson Johnson and late husband Robert, and Paul A. Carlson and wife Willa; and her friend of 80 years, Rev. Hartland Gifford and wife Judy and late wife, Carol. She also loved her nieces and nephews, Eunice, Nate, Dan, Alice, Carlene, Elizabeth, Erick, Kristine, Eric, and Sarah and their spouses, as well as her grand nieces and nephews. She was especially excited to be able to meet and read to Tara and Dev Henry's first born, Ellie. She was fond of 'Muff', (Beatrice Louise Ramirez-White) and her daughters, Bea and Kylee.

There will be a graveside committal service at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill, CT at 11am on Monday, November 26, 2018. There will be a Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church scheduled later. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local library, your local teacher, Camp Calumet Lutheran (<https://www.calumet.org>), or the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Rescue Program (www.mayflowercorgiclub.org). For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Events

NOV **Graveside Service** 11:00AM
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Rose Hill Memorial Park
580 Elm St, Rocky Hill, CT, US, 06067

Comments



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Deb White - November 23, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ Lee and I grew up together in Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford. We had glorious times in church, Luther League and Vacation Bible School as children and young adults. Our mothers were also close friends in Emanuel. Then as a school Secretary Lee and I worked together for 15 years at Langford school and enjoyed many years together. It was also wonderful watching her girls Debbie and Melissa grow into lovely adults. I suppose I could add a lot more detail but losing Lee is losing another friend as we mature in life. God speed Lee and The Lord be with the whole family at this time!

Lanie Turner - November 23, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ Thank you Lanie for your kind and generous words. Mom enjoyed reminiscing about Luther League and VBS and other adventures. It's great to still have a connection with her life.

Deb White - November 23, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ I guess I was about 14 when Dave and Lee were at Upsala College. One day they came to visit us in Summit. I heard them drive up the driveway but what seemed like a long time to me, they hadn't come in yet. Of course I had to go see why. When I walked into the garage they were in Dave's Nash Rambler. KISSING! O my gosh I better get out of here and don't ever tell a soul. So I didn't, until now. I guess it was OK, for it led to a wonderful lifetime for two very special loved ones that we all sorely miss.

For the families I would like to share a nightly ritual for me and a blessing for all of you.

"Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take", and I would like to quote my dad on a familiar Blessing.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord shine down upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen."

Love to you all. Paul Carlson

Paul Carlson - November 25, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ Uncle Paul~ That is a great story to remember right now! And your nightly ritual and Granpa Harry's blessing are a comfort to Melissa and I.

Deb White - November 27, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Paul and I were so sorry that we were not able to be with everyone at the service this morning. We will miss Lee. All of her loved ones have so many wonderful memories. I would like to share some of mine.

We both were teachers and mothers who had a strong love for books, reading, and learning that we passed to students and our own children. I was able to obtain a library card as soon as I could print my first name and, like Lee, I went to the library as often as possible (walking uphill both ways and in the snow :)). Her last list of book choices could have been mine. We shared a love of lobsters, family gatherings, feeding the birds, hot tea, and dogs. I have also always loved Tasha Tudor's books that were filled with stories, poems and paintings of her children and their Corgi friends. Unfortunately, no one warned me about putting my purse up high and my Bert's Bees became a tasty dog treat. Oh well, a Corgi was happy!

I have another special memory that included Grandma Dorothea. Lee invited her to come to the Cape for a week's vacation in June (1960's) – “Tired Teacher's Week”. I drove to Vermont and we two left the next morning for Cape Cod. I enjoyed it as much as Lee did. Lee and David made the week very special for all. We enjoyed lobsters, a favorite ice cream spot, tours of the area, time to sit by the pool with a good book, and visits to the beach. We did not have a clambake then but Lee and David opened their home often for backyard clambakes, picnics, graduation parties, and sleepovers at Christmas time.

You are well loved Lee. XOXO Willa

Willa - November 27, 2018 at 06:54 PM