



## Karen Lynn Carlson

October 3, 1942 - November 11, 2023

Our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday November 11, 2023, at the age of 81. She came to peace at home in Vancouver, Washington with family by her side, following a 7-year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. She was a true warrior and faced this disease with courage and grace.

She was born in Pasco, Washington on October 3, 1942, to Overta "Jerre" and Robert C. Barta. As a young girl born during World War II, the family moved often between Washington, Oregon, California, and Utah. She was married to Tom Chiles from 1965 to 1977; They had two children. In 1979, she met the love of her life Les Carlson; They married in 1983 and formed a blended family with his 5 children.

She loved her family with her whole heart and delighted in her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her loving and positive attitude, and her heart to take care of others. She was generous with her time, talent, and treasures. Kay enjoyed many things in life and was involved in her children's activities. Camping, hiking, cooking/baking, and being a grandmother were some of her favorite things to do. A 40-year member of Xi-Alpha-Sigma Sorority, and 35 years with Beta Sigma Phi chapter in Vancouver, Washington. As well as a Red Hat's Society member.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents Jerre and Robert Barta and her granddaughter Alisha. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Les

Carlson, her children Jerre Adams (Bryon), Jeff Chiles (Lisa), and Les's children Rene Mitchell (Dave), Lesley Carlson, Michele Carlson, Yvonne Cohen (John), and Michael Carlson (Jennifer); As well as 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her sisters Nancy Barta, Kerry Eberly (Robert), Janice Donaldson (Dave), and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thank you to some very important people that we were blessed to have join us in helping with her care as the disease progressed; Narges, Divine Peace Adult Family Home; Rickey, April, Stefanie, Lupita, Araceli, and the whole Hospice team. We are forever grateful for the love and care you provided not just for her, but our family as a whole. Please join the family in a celebration of this incredible woman's life following the Evergreen Memorial Gardens 12:30 memorial service on Saturday December 9, 2023, at St John Lutheran Church - 11005 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver, WA 98686.

Everyone who knew Kay, knew above all, her beautiful smile, incredible kindness, and compassion. In lieu of flowers, you may make a tribute gift at [psp.org](https://www.psp.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Forever in our hearts you will be, all our love your family and friends.*



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**Anonymous** - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Karen was a huge part of my life, she is my sister (Lisa) mother-in-law. Knowing that when ever Lisa, Jeff, or their kids came into town, that their time visiting was a short time, she would invite me over for many dinners and visits, always with so much joy I felt as though I was related to her.*

*She even gave me Grace like she would with her own kids, one time I was picking Lisa up, I was in her front entryway, when I backed into a glass shelf, that was full of glass items, needless to say, I was so mortified I went to my car crying, she assured me that it was nothing on there that was of value. Though over the years, that story had changed to the items coming from a great grandmother. Only to tease me! Though I do have to say since that day, I have never used the front door again, I always go through the garage. Karen will be missed by me and so many more.*

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**Dede Mack** - November 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Denise and Dede** - November 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Karen Lynn Carlson** - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM