



## Carissa Lawson

July 14, 1969 - July 16, 2023

Carissa "Cari" Lawson, 54, passed peacefully on July 16, 2023, surrounded by her loving family and friends after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born Carissa Dawn Rose on July 14, 1969 in Bangkok, Thailand and grew up in a military family all over the United States, spending her adult life raising her family in northern Virginia.

Cari is survived by her husband Eddie Lawson, son Jason Lawson (McKenzie Gocha), daughter Haley Lawson, stepdaughter Heather Breslin (Terry) and family, parents Col. (USAF Ret.) Charles and Pauline Rose, sister Lisa Martin (Karen Soult), brother Christopher Rose (Debbie), nephew Jacob Rose, brother-in-law Walter Lawson Jr., best friends Sue Aguero and Kim Peters and countless friends and family around the world.

Cari was employed by the Department of Commerce National Technical Information Service since 1988.

Cari was a loyal friend to so many, especially through her memberships and service to the Dale City Moose Lodge 2165, Women of the Moose Chapter 1584 and American Legion Post 364. She enjoyed BINGO, Taco Tuesdays, camping, driving her truck and was seen in her signature tie-dye and/or purple most days and 49ers or Red Sox on the rest. She was always doing for

others, participating in many annual Special Olympics Polar Plunges and Trevor's Treasures Charity Golf Tournaments.

She enjoyed a life full of wonderful memories with friends and family; however, the joys of her life were her children, and Cari was immeasurably proud of the adults they have become. She was a wonderfully devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend who is fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with service at 12:00 pm, at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Cari's memory to Trevor's Treasures at:

<https://trevorstreasures.squarespace.com/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I will always remember how welcome she made me feel. Even though we lived on different continents, and only saw one another once a year (sometimes every other year) I never felt like a stranger but as the close relative I was.

*Although it's been years, I will never forget the fun times we shared.*

*I've always looked up to my cousin, Cari.*

*To me she was this happy, funny, strong independent woman, and I thought she was pretty cool. Even though we were different ages, we had a lot of common interests including some tastes in music.*

*I've always had her in my mind over the years. When I thought about becoming a mother. I always wanted to be just as wonderful a mother as she was. Although even half as good, would be enough.*

*I'm very sorry and extremely sad that I won't be able to see her again.*

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**K M Rose** - July 22, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.** - July 22, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 21, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *I'll always think of Cari and remember that beautiful little girl with the biggest smile, those bouncy curls and big brown eyes! I will cherish the memories of times spent with her and family on visits to Uncle Millard's and Aunt Eva's. My sense of humor always aligned with Lisa and Cari's. We always had a funny story to share or a joke about the things "southern women say"!*

*She will be so missed by all who knew and loved her. Praying for peace and comfort in the days to come.*

*Deborah*

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**Deborah Jones** - July 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 21, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carissa Lawson.

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July 21, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. It was a pleasure to work with Cari. - Greg Guthrie, NTIS

**Greg Guthrie** - July 21, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Our sympathies to the family. I remember our young neighbor, Cari, in her teen and young adult years. Cari always seemed a free spirit ... a fun person and also grounded and responsible. She was valiant in her struggles these last years. These uplifting qualities will forever be part of all who loved her always. Our prayer surrounds her and her family during this time.

**Carole & John Bergin** - July 20, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.



July 20, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 20, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Cari was always a favorite of ours. both my wife and I. Their friendship lasted throughout their lives. They met while playing softball in High School and became fast friends. Cari would sometimes come to our house to chat, then she and Kim would go somewhere, always together. That lasted for years, even though they both married and went their separate ways. We moved away and did not see Cari a lot after that, but when we did see her it was as though no time had passed. She remained a favorite of ours and still is. She is missed and always will remain in our hearts.*

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**devholmes** - July 20, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Charles M. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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**Charles M.** - July 20, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 20, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 19, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carissa Lawson.*

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July 19, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Carissa Lawson*.



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July 19, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Carissa Lawson*.



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July 19, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Carissa Lawson*.

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July 19, 2023 at 04:28 PM

WN

“ Cari will always be remembered at the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) as a "cheerleader" for being friendly and respectful of others. As a professional worker she stayed focused on information accuracy and being a team player for getting the job done.

*The NTIS family has lost one great smile but forever will have memories of her positive spirit.*

*Prayers for the family during this difficult moment...*

*Wayne Strickland. Director*



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Wayne Strickland, NTIS - July 19, 2023 at 02:35 PM

TR

“ Cari ~ you will be so missed by so many who you've blessed with your vibrant smile and loyal friendship. We always had such great times together but our tradition of St. Patrick's Day will always be my favorite memory.~ our tattoo is always going to be a special reminder of you. Rest in Peace and be pain free my dear ~ Continue to be our shining light.



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Tracy - July 19, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 19, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *My Dear Kind Friend ❤️ You FOUGHT HARD as we have been with Cancer..it is AWFUL AND MAY YOU REST IN PEACE 🙏 I will keep FIGHTING in Honor of you and so many of us...Thank you for your FRIENDSHIP RIP AND GOD BLESS*

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**Ginger Spice** - July 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 19, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.*



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July 19, 2023 at 10:59 AM

KS

“ 2 files added to the album Pictures to share...



Kevin Stokes - July 19, 2023 at 08:42 AM

SU

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures to share...



SueBee - July 18, 2023 at 10:58 PM

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Parrot Heads...

SueBee - July 18, 2023 at 11:03 PM

MH

*My heartfelt condolences to Cari's family and friends. We were co-workers for a very long time (maybe 20+ years). I have very fond memories of our time together. We were friends. I will continue to in prayer for you all.*

Michelle (Collins) Hunter - July 19, 2023 at 07:14 AM

KS

*I've known Cari for about 30 years, we were co-workers and over time you become like family, we shared a many of great memories at work and after work, I can still hear her voice and see her image sitting against the brick wall in the garage reading one of her many books. Cari, you are truly one who left us too soon and will be missed dearly, R.I.P. my friend.*

Kevin Stokes - July 19, 2023 at 08:32 AM

SU

“ A beautiful person who touched my life in so, so many ways ~ the sister I chose, my heart, my soul. So many people have mentioned to me that we were "attached at the hip" ~ "she was my right arm, I was her left" ~ so very true. I miss her now and I'll miss her until we meet again. And I promise Cari, we will...

SueBee - July 18, 2023 at 10:45 PM

DO

“ I remember meeting Cari when she played softball with my sister, Kim. Over the years I grew to love Cari like another younger sister. She even introduced me to people as her brother. Cari will be sorely missed, and I extend my deepest condolences to her family.

Douglas - July 18, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carissa Lawson.



July 18, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ Carie always had a beautiful smile to everyone she saw. She will be missed by everyone that knew her 💔



Jon & Ellen Howard - July 18, 2023 at 04:50 PM



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