



Carol Ione Larson Arnold

February 6, 2020

Carol L. Arnold

Carol Ione Larson Arnold joined her heavenly Father on February 6, 2020, after 11 months battling brain cancer. Born at the Larson family farmhouse on January 23, 1937, in Hills, MN, she is survived by her beloved husband, Ernest “Ernie” Arnold, sons Mark and Eric Arnold, daughter Kristin Arnold, daughters-in-law Karen and Katherine Arnold, eight loving grandchildren: Mitchell, Nicholas, Trey, Hailey, Lauren, Elise, Briana (Windhausen), Lindsey (Windhausen), sister Audrey Jean and her husband John Westberg, and countless cousins, nieces, and nephews from the eleven siblings who passed before her.

After graduating from Augustana College (SD) in 1958, Carol moved to Billings, MT to teach high school English. There, she met Ernie on a blind date. They kept in touch through letters when Ernie traveled for work. After marrying on December 30, 1961, the couple called a number of places home, including Philadelphia, PA, Lisle, IL, and, finally, Penfield, NY, where all three children graduated from high school.

Carol always put her faith and her family before anything else. So, after retiring, she and Ernie moved to Houston, TX to be near Mark’s family and (ultimately) three of their grandchildren. After the Air Force moved Mark and

his family away, they moved to Northern VA to be near the other grandchildren, arriving in town only two weeks before granddaughter Briana was born.

In 1988, she wrote, “Eventually I hope for grandchildren and comfortable retirement in a warm climate, concerts and ball games, Christmas dinners and summers at the beach together, lending a helping hand, praying together.” Barring retirement in a warm climate, the rest of her dreams came to fruition. She even saw the Washington Nationals win the World Series in 2019!

Carol loved the beach, writing poetry and short stories, and spending time with family. She sang beautifully and baked the best pies and Norwegian desserts. She was always looking for ways to love those around her and ways to serve God in her family and community.

Since 1998, Carol has been an active member of Old Bridge United Methodist Church as a choir member, Stephen Minister, and senior pilgrim (to name just a few). Her favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31:

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Family and friends are invited to attend her memorial service at Old Bridge United Methodist Church located at 3966 Old Bridge Rd., Woodbridge on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in Carol’s name to either the American Brain Tumor Association, <https://give.abta.org/give/261975/#!/donation/checkout>, or Old Bridge United Methodist Church. OBUMC will use any contributions made in Carol’s name to support mission work.

Precedence

There is a quiet scene upon the hill...
The clouds are resting there,
Serene and still.
But now the dark ones move
From some strange cue;
They shift, entwined, and then they part
To let the sunbeam through.

-CLA

KRIS

If I could just tuck this moment
Into the leaves of a book
And press it like a rose
Then years from now
I'd open to the page
And remember
Your pink smile.

-CLA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Bridge United Methodist Church
3966 Old Bridge Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Ione Larson Arnold*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *It is Dec, 2021 and I am just now learning of dear Carol's passing. I knew something was wrong when I didn't get my Christmas card letter last year or this year. Finally the news came via email and I am very sad to lose this beautiful friend, but so very grateful to have known her for a few years as we worked together for United Way of Greater Rochester. What I loved about Carol was her dry sense of humor, often correcting my use of "made-up" words because she was so good at the English language, and I was still searching for the right way to say things. We both loved and wrote poetry and short prose. She was more quiet than I; she being introverted, me being... well -- here's a short memory: We were seated together for lunch at the edge of the Genesee River on a lovely spring day. The cherry blossoms were floating about from the nearby trees, and I was chatting away about something when Carol spoke -- "You know, Marie, it's okay not to talk." So for the next few minutes we just sat there together and enjoyed life.*

Blessings to her family and friends --

Marie Gibson - December 20, 2021 at 01:50 PM

LB

“ Carol was a wonderful friend, co-worker and buddy. We worked together at the United Way of Greater Rochester-and used to go for walks at lunch time and talk about everything. Carol was extremely practical and sensible-but also very whimsical and funny. I remember discussing with her whether I should buy I red car. Red was quite a definite statement, I thought. Maybe I wouldn't like the color after a while and then what would I do? She asked me "How long have you liked red?". I said for about 10 or 15 years. She said "Then I think you'd be pretty safe in buying a red car." She just had a way of making things clear and simple!
I loved Carol and will miss her so much.
My sincere condolences to all her family and friends for their loss.
With best regards,
Lynn Barber

Lynn Barber - December 19, 2021 at 06:46 PM

PF

“ I so enjoyed the times I spent with Carol in the neighborhood, at a couple Bible study sessions and at the water aerobics at the River Ridge clubhouse which she helped conduct.. She was always so sweet and kind. I will miss seeing her and may God bless the family with comfort and strength through this difficult time.

Paula Frost - March 07, 2020 at 09:36 AM

TC

“ The U V Ski Club purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Ione Larson Arnold.



The U V Ski Club - March 05, 2020 at 10:16 PM

KD

“ I was witness to Ernie proposing marriage to Carol in my backyard! I still remember it as if it were yesterday! My condolences to you all. Aunt Carol was a refuge for me when my mom passed. She shared wonderful memories with me about my mom. She was most certainly very kind and loving. Hold tight to your memories! God bless.

Kathy Dunne - February 11, 2020 at 10:17 PM

MP

Aunt Carol was my role model growing up. She always had such an infectious laugh. When mom got sick, she was such a rock for me. The memories are sweet and everlasting.

Marcia Pettigrew - February 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MW

“ To Carols family, you have my most sincere sympathy. Carol and I were such good friends in high school. We did overnights at each other's house, sang in the Church choir and the most fun was being basket ball and football cheerleaders. We also went to slumber parties at friends houses. We had a lot of laughs together. I will miss her even tho we didn't see each other much since we now lived miles apart. RIP Carol. Peace and love to her family

Marlene Eitreim Wassenaar - February 11, 2020 at 07:38 PM