



Bobbie Jean (Wilhelmsen) Carlson

October 23, 1941 - January 6, 2020

Bobbie Jean (Wilhelmsen) Carlson, age 78, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2020 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Bobbie was born on October 23, 1941 in Chicago to Robert and Shirley (Nichols) Wilhelmsen. Throughout her years she brought joy to others through her warm smile, contagious laugh, kind heart and graciousness. She shared her love for singing and entertaining, as well as passions for culinary arts and travel with those who were blessed to encounter her. Early in life, Bobbie's adventures included exploring Europe by herself and working as a stewardess (flight attendant). After becoming a mother, she went on to live in many places. With each move she made a new home for her family by integrating them into the community through Christ, creating friendships, enrolling her sons in activities, and of course — her cooking. Grant and Scott fondly remember her singing "Oklahoma" throughout the house growing up, forever a favorite. She also loved the color mauve, lemonade and salty snacks. A fond tradition of Bobbie's was gathering with her extended family every Thanksgiving and singing "We Are Family" with her four younger sisters. Bobbie was confidently her loving self throughout her life and has inspired others to do the same.

Bobbie was a beloved family member and friend to many and will be remembered by all as a loving mother to Grant Carlson (Melissa) and Scott (Kristin) Carlson; proud grandmother to Leigh, Garrett and Wyatt; big sister to Pat (Dennis) Fink, Donna (Clint) Underwood, Susan (Tom) Haddock and Krystin (Robert) Combs; and a happy Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Per Bobbie's wishes, there will be no memorial service. Her family will host a private gathering this summer on Paw Paw Lake (Michigan) in celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation <https://www.cff.org/give-today/>

Comments



“ I was a cna student at the nursing home Bobbie was at she always made my day while her singing to me in the morning or as I'm trying to assist with her adls she made it all worth it January 6th was my first clinical after break and I feel as if she knew and held on so I could say my final goodbye I'm so thankful to have come across her beautiful soul

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“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Bobbie Jean (Wilhelmsen) Carlson.



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