



Carol Sue Smith

September 5, 1940 - December 4, 2023

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Ankeny (formerly of Urbandale)

Carol Sue Smith, 83, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 4, 2023. Carol was born on September 5, 1940, to Robert and Audrey Smith in Dallas, Texas. As a daughter of a Methodist minister, Carol moved frequently but spent most of her upbringing in Marathon, Iowa. When her father was called to serve at a church in Strawberry Point prior to Carol's senior year, the family moved, and she was honored to be named homecoming queen by her classmates. She then attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon for two years.

Carol worked for many years at the Drake University Law Library in Des Moines. After her retirement, she began volunteering with various organizations as well as through her church.

Carol had a strong passion for social justice and was a consummate advocate for women's rights, public education, and the environment.

Carol loved playing games of all kinds and joyfully taught her grandchildren how to play many games as well. She also enjoyed painting, reading, long walks, sweets of all kinds, annual trips with her sister, and time with her church family. She was happiest when spending time with her children and

grandchildren and loved them beyond measure. We will miss her beautiful smile, witty sense of humor, and infectious laugh.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Lisa Carlson (Luke) of Ankeny; son, Jon Cox of Des Moines; grandchildren, Courtney Strother (Robert) and Drew Carlson (Cathlin); and recent additions to the family, her great-grandsons, Carter Carlson and Rory Strother. She is also survived by her favorite sister, Gloria Jahnel (Bill), and wonderful nieces and nephews. Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Jack Smith; her husband, Mike Slyby; and many beloved friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Carol's honor to Grace United Methodist Church of Des Moines.