



Andrea J Carlson

July 28, 1944 - June 30, 2018

Mrs. Andrea (Nana) Carlson nee Lockridge formally of Merrillville, In. left this world surrounded by her family and friends after suffering from pancreatic cancer at her home on Saturday, June 30, 2018 in Bluffton, IN at the age of 73.

Andrea is survived by her loving husband, James C. Carlson of Bluffton, IN; her children, Raine (Dr. Joseph) Spott of Schererville, IN; Diana (Jim) Yonker of Bluffton, IN, Christine (Dr. Michael) Rothecker of Elkhart, IN; and Daughter-in-law Darcy Carlson of Knox; Her sister Shirley (William) Harvey of Littleton, Co. and brother Jay (Vicky) Lockridge of Whiting, IN. Her Grandchildren: Maritza and Lauren Spott; Jenna, Brynn, and Matthew Yonker; Aidan, Sarah, and Emily Rothecker; and Zachary, Alex, A.J., and Savannah Carlson and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son, James Keith Carlson, Her parents Andrew and Lydia Lockridge, her brother Robert Lockridge, and her sister Karen Berta.

Andrea was born on July 28, 1944 in East Chicago, Indiana. She graduated from Hammond Clark in 1962. She married Jim, her high school sweetheart. Her family was her greatest joy. They were blessed with four children and twelve grandchildren, who affectionately named her Nana. She impacted many lives by her kindness, her determination, and her ability to make friends wherever she went. She was a lifetime Girl Scout earning the Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II, which is a high honor in scouting. She worked for the Girls Scouts for 20 years and retired to Bluffton, IN in 1998. She was an active member/leader of TOPS, Bluffton Chapter and enjoyed a good garage sale.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 A.M. E.S.T on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home with calling from 9 to 11 on Saturday. Chaplain Chris Thurow will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Nana's life. A private family graveside service will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery in Knox, Indiana

If your heart calls to donate, she supported the Girl Scouts of U.S.A. and American Cancer Society. The family would like to thank Family Life Services/Hospice, Cancer Services, and family friend Sherry Alford for their kindness and dedication to her care.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1699 East John Street
Knox, IN 46534

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Andrea J Carlson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Andria sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrea J Carlson*



Andria - July 06, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ *In addition to my condolences, I would like to share a traditional girl scout campfire farewell song to honor Nana.*



*Linger
Mmmm, I want to linger,
Mmmm, a little longer,
Mmmm, a little longer here with you.*

*Mmmm, it's such a perfect night,
Mmmm, it doesn't seem quite right
Mmmm, that it should be my last with you.*

*Mmmm, but come September,
Mmmm, we will remember
Mmmm, our camping days and friendships true.*

*Mmmm, and as the years go by,
Mmmm, I'll think of you and sigh--
Mmmm, this is goodnight and not goodbye.*

*Big hugs to all,
Abi West*

Abi West - July 06, 2018 at 08:27 AM

TC

“ We send an abundance of hugs, love, and peace to the Carlson family! Aunt Andrea was a very special woman who we should all aspire to be; caring, giving, friendly, kind, peaceful, positive, understanding, non-judgmental, and loving! She will be missed dearly and deeply! The world lost a beautiful soul but gained another angel! Much peace, love, and strength to all who were blessed to have known her!

With love and sympathy!
Tracy Carlson and Laura Cope

Tracy Carlson - July 05, 2018 at 07:34 PM

JB

“ The world weeps with and for the Carlson family this week. Aunt Andrea was simply a great human being. She was as kind as can be and had one of those laughs that made you laugh with her. May all of the laughter and good times provide you the strength to get through the days, months, and years ahead. God Bless you all.

John and Cindy Batliner

John Batliner - July 05, 2018 at 04:58 PM

LG

“ We are so sorry about the passing of our dear friend Andrea whom we have known since the mid 60's. She was a wonderful friend and loving wife and Mother and even though we live far apart we will miss her and know she will be sadly missed by her loving family. Our prayers are with you all.

Larry and Carol Guyer - July 03, 2018 at 01:06 PM

PR

“ Paul & Claudia, Sue & Ed, and Nance & Rob purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Andrea J Carlson.



Paul & Claudia, Sue & Ed, and Nance & Rob - July 03, 2018 at 09:49 AM