



Carol Kathleen Lipsmeyer

October 24, 2019

Carol Kathleen Lipsmeyer, 74 and long-time resident of Little Rock, died October 24, 2019 in Amherst, Massachusetts after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born on October 28, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas, to John L. Lipsmeyer and Elizabeth W. Lipsmeyer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sr. Norma Lipsmeyer. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Katie (Chris), and granddaughter, Clover; sister, Beth (Ted); brothers, Kenny (Melissa) and David (Carol); nieces and nephews, Jennifer (Joe), Jason (Crystal), Joy (Patrick), Elizabeth (Todd), Justin (Renae), Kelly (Matt), Rebecca, Jeff (Liz), Chad (Brittany), Colleen and Kaylie (Carter); goddaughter, Morgan; and many grandnieces and nephews.

Carol was a graduate of Our Lady of the Holy Souls School, Mount St. Mary Academy, and St. Vincent's Nursing School. Early in her nursing career, she scrubbed in on one of the first heart transplants. She then pursued a career in anesthesia and was one of the first women nurse anesthetists in the state of Arkansas. With the majority of her tenure at Baptist Health, Carol was a pioneer and powerhouse in her field. She made it a point to stay with her patients after every case so they could wake up to a smile. She finished her career having worked on 3,000 heart cases, in addition to countless other surgeries.

Carol had a notable service-oriented heart. At her home parish, Christ the King Catholic Church, she sat on the parish council, lifted her strong alto voice in the choir for 30 years, organized the parish's group of Our House Shelter volunteers, cooked for grieving families through Martha's Meals, and lent her medical talents to several Honduras mission trips.

Carol was a tried and true Razorback fan, was an expert Bridge player, treasured her vacations to Kauai, and had the loudest whistle you've ever heard. She was known for talking to all the people standing in the checkout line with her, and was always ready to listen with a nonjudgmental, sympathetic ear to those in need, whether stranger or friend. Carol was dedicated to her family and was happiest when everyone was together. She had an extraordinary bond with her daughter, Katie, who she devotedly and tenderly

raised by herself. Carol was able to extend that bond with the arrival of her precious granddaughter, Clover, with whom she shares her initials.

In spite of her disease, Carol was still able to connect with her family until her last living day. She truly was a remarkable woman who lived fully, loved deeply, and enjoyed life immensely.

A vigil service will take place at Little Rock Funeral Home on Friday, November 8, at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church will be held on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration lunch in the Family Life Center. A private interment will occur at a later time.

Carol wholeheartedly supported Katie's endeavors. In lieu of flowers, her family asks for memorial contributions to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County at chd.org/bbbs in Amherst, MA, where Katie works to ignite the power and promise of youth.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Carol's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Events

NOV **Vigil Service** 07:00PM

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Little Rock Funeral Home
8801 Knoedl Ct, Little Rock, AR, US, 72205

NOV **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Christ the King Catholic Church
4000 N. Rodney Parham, Little Rock, AR, US, 72212

Comments



“ From the Dougan Family, Beth,Carol,Chuck.Sue,Sarah purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carol Kathleen Lipsmeyer.



From the Dougan Family, Beth,Carol,Chuck.Sue,Sarah - November 08 at 09:45 AM



“ Spent many years with Carol in the Operating Room at Baptist. She was an excellent CRNA, a relentless patient advocate and professional to her core. The only thing she loved more than her job was her daughter, Katie. Fondly remember this strong, independent woman.

Cathey Watts - November 08 at 05:55 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to this wonderful family.

Ricky & Pam Grondin

Ricky & Pam Grondin - November 07 at 11:27 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carol Kathleen Lipsmeyer.



November 07 at 09:15 AM



“ Carol was a dear friend of the Rosell family. She and my mom Johnnie Faye Rosell were colleagues and good friends. We remember many good times shared at the Rosell homes with Dan and Johnnie and the girls. She was a gifted nurse always looking for a challenge.

Danna Rosell Carver - November 06 at 10:04 PM



“ Sending hugs and prayers from Lincoln , NE. Carol was my friend, my neighbor, my bridge partner. RIP Carol.

Nancy Schultheis - November 07 at 04:28 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Family



Jennifer Stewart - November 06 at 08:21 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this about Carol. I remember her when she was in nursing school with my sister, Jeanne Fitts Jones. Also, Beth and I were classmates at MSM. Coincidentally, we worked together at BMC while I was a preop/postop nurse in eye surgery. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Priscilla Fitts Tebbetts

Priscilla Fitts Tebbetts - November 06 at 05:30 PM



“ So sorry such a wonderful person has left us to be with her sister and parents, God bless them all. I did baby sitting for Norma, Carol and Mary Beth, when their brother was born I retired. I had never changed a baby, and felt out of my league especially when he wet on me, and Norma and Carol took over!!! Told their parents, I thought the girls were old enough to do the care. Many memories of the family, wonderful people. Blessed are those who are family.

Carol Ann Eichelmann (nee Dick) - November 06 at 02:20 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of loss.

Bill Snow

Bill Snow - November 06 at 11:40 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Carol’s family at this very sad time. Carol was my classmate at St. Mary’s. I will always remember her kindness and beautiful smile. You lead a beautiful life, Carol, and you will be dearly missed by us all. Rest In Peace, dear friend

Mary Martin Bentley ‘62
Austin, TX



Mary Martin Bentley - November 06 at 11:36 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to Carol’s family. May she Rest In Peace as her earthy endeavors have come to a close.

Carol and I were classmates at Holy Souls all the way from kindergarten into high school. We were roommates at St. Vincent Infirmary School of Nursing for three years and she was my maid of honor at my wedding upon graduation in 1965. Although we didn’t keep in touch over the years, I often thought about her. I feel a deep sadness upon her passing. I’m so sorry. Bless you Katie...I know you were the best daughter, lovingly caring for your Mom.

Judy Bunten - November 06 at 10:25 AM



“ I remember Carol fondly. When we were in high school we both worked at the Heights Theater. Good memories!

Karen Wolfe - November 06 at 09:36 AM