



Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik

November 7, 1959 - April 25, 2024

Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik, of Crown Point, IN, passed away at age 64 on April 25th, 2024 with her daughters and best friend by her side. Carolyn was passionate, driven and brilliant. She used everything she had to make a lasting impact in this world and in the lives of her family. She leaves a legacy of adventure, generosity, and love.

Carolyn delighted in spending time outdoors and being active. She loved to hike at the dunes, swim her standard mile, go camping, backpacking and biking. She was an avid reader and writer. Her love of adventure took traveling across the country and the world.

If someone needed help, Carolyn was probably there providing it. She volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care, brought food to the hungry for Meals on Wheels, began a soup kitchen, founded the Appendix Cancer Connection, built homes with Habitat for Humanity, improved homes with Rebuilding Together, and provided joy playing piano at nursing homes. Professionally, Carolyn was a skilled nurse and inspiring professor. Always eager to learn, Carolyn completed her doctorate in nursing in 2022 and brought that same passion to the classrooms in which she taught. Her students were some of the people who helped keep her comfortable in her final weeks at home.

Carolyn will be dearly missed by her two daughters: Angela (Travis) and Chelsea (Elliott); granddaughters: Brooke and Quinn; sisters: Mary, Jessica, and Lynne; mother-in-law, Virginia; and numerous other friends and family. While her life was cut short, her family takes comfort knowing that she rejoins in heaven her parents Nelson and Joan; her father-in-law, Theodore Sr.; and her loving husband, Ted, who passed just 21 months before her. Ted and Carolyn were married for nearly 33 years upon his unexpected passing.

Per her wishes, a celebration of Carolyn's life will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point, IN. Please join us at Shelter 5. Visitation and a picnic will begin at 1:00 PM with a memorial service at 3:00 PM hosted by her loved ones. Entry to the park is provided under the name Burrell.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Appendix Cancer Connection can be made. The Appendix Cancer Connection is a nonprofit Carolyn founded to support those who have been diagnosed with this rare illness. She created this after she was diagnosed in 2001 and found little education or support available. The nonprofit will carry on in her honor by supporting, educating and raising awareness for Appendix Cancer. <https://appendix-cancer.org/donate/>. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Lemon Lake County Park
6322 W. 133rd Avenue
Crown Point, IN 46307

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 3:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ I’m soo sorry 😞 I love you all ...
Aunt Carolyn was the kindest caring person 💕💕

mali freeman - May 04, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MF

“ Mali F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik.

Mali F. - May 04, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LJ

“ Love, Joe, Scott, Krystalyn, & Jack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik.

Love, Joe, Scott, Krystalyn, & Jack - May 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik.



May 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JS

“ I am so saddened to see that Carolyn has passed. She was an amazing neighbor. When our cat, who could not be made to stay in the house, was hit by a car, Carolyn scooped her into a box, injured side down, so our children could say goodbye. She was so thoughtful. She was so active in helping others with appendiceal cancer, and so devoted to her daughters. She will be so missed.

joan Spear - April 29, 2024 at 12:38 PM

AD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn's death. It is a great comfort to know she was so well loved and cared for by her family. Carolyn was a remarkable woman who has made an immeasurable difference in many people's lives, with no thought to recompense or recognition. Her effort and commitment was entirely selfless. I met Carolyn via her website, and the story of her survival was a game changer for me. At that point I had a terminal diagnosis and had been told my death was imminent. I contacted Carolyn and she gave me hope. Not only that she answered my many questions and helped me to access the the world's pre-eminent specialists in appendiceal cancer for advice and second opinions. I attended her first peer support group meeting via Zoom where I met, for the first time, others with the same rare diagnosis as me and Carolyn. Participants were spread from Alaska, to Croatia, to New Zealand and the United States. So good to share our stories and be able to help others - not just to receive help. Three years on I am still alive and living life to the full, in large part thanks to Carolyn's example, love and support. I believe her website to be one of the best crafted information sources out there for appendiceal cancer - especially the less common non-PMP varieties. Through sharing our stories and lives over time Carolyn and I had become friends. I will miss her, and will always appreciate the enduring benefit she provided to me and all those supporting me. She brought light to the darkness.

Adele - April 28, 2024 at 05:16 PM

CY

Carolyn , a compassionate and very generous soul, She was a philanthropist who travelled to Africa specifically Zambia with the intention of finding a project to support, and it was in our village where she found her calling.

Despite her untimely passing before being able to fulfil her plans, Carolyn left an indelible mark in our community. She wholeheartedly embraced our village school project and envisioned a brighter future for the vulnerable children and the entire community. Through her kindness and unwavering dedication, she brought hope and inspiration to us all.

Although Carolyn is no longer with us , her legacy lives on through her beloved daughters Chelsea and Angela whom she introduced me to. From the time of her admission in the hospital to her final days, Chelsea continued updating us on her condition. Her commitment and compassion mirror that of their beloved mother, ensuring that her legacy of kindness endures .

Carolyn may have left this world, but her spirit and dedication to making a difference in the lives of others will continue to inspire us all. She will deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace , knowing that her kindness and generosity have left an enduring legacy in our hearts and in our community.

Carolyn had envisioned transformative changes for our school. Shortly before she was admitted in the hospital,she had expressed her intention to purchase a school bus, providing our kids with safe and reliable transportation to and from school,build a dining hall and kitchen as she was touched to see the kids eating whilst sitting on the ground.She wanted to make sure that our kids had access to nutritious meals, fostering not just their academic growth but also their overall well being.

Her last words to me were and I quote: "Am glad God has connected me to you, due to my condition we might not meet again , but I will make sure I bring change to the school. Indeed she brought light to darkness, Heaven has gained, till we meet again my love, rest in power, we love you even in death, thanks for choosing us, Cynthia lungowe Maboshe, the kids and all the community members .

Cynthia - May 15, 2024 at 10:12 AM