



Carol Lynn Fleming

December 27, 1952 - July 18, 2020

It is with profound sadness the family announced the passing of Carol Lynn Fleming, 67, on July 18, 2020 from complications of metastatic breast cancer. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and friend to all whose lives she touched. She was born December 27, 1952 as Carol Lynn Miller in Iowa to David and Marilyn Miller. Immediately after Carol was discovered with a hearing impairment, the family relocated to Illinois for her to attend a mainstream deaf education program. She was married to her childhood classmate, James Robert Fleming of 24 years, but knew each other for sixty-two years. They met and attended Lowell Elementary School. Carol continued her education at Emerson Middle School, Westmont Jr. High, and then to Hinsdale South High School. Jim escorted Carol to her first homecoming dance but parted ways after high school. They found each other again 22 years later. She is survived by her husband, James Fleming, one daughter, Kellie Fleming 23, and two step-sons, John Fleming 29, and Joseph Fleming 31, siblings, John Miller (Becky), James Miller (Cyndi), Donna (Shezmina) Miller Schreur Aga, and Robert (Katie) Miller.

Carol was predeceased by her parents, David and Marilyn and brother, Kenneth Miller, as well as paternal and maternal grandparents. Carol loved seeing her grandparents in Iowa and David's cousins on the farm in Minnesota. In addition, she looked forward to spending Christmas with her Miller cousins as well. The gatherings transformed into family and friends reunions held annually, then later developed into family and friends cruises. Carol loved to travel. One of her favorite places was Aruba. She loved dogs, especially Lucky who understood sign language, gardening, was an accomplished seamstress, a devoted Cubs fan and was thrilled they won the 2016 World Series. She loved to cook and was a vegetarian for 40 plus years. Carol was the first hearing impaired student to graduate beautician school in the state of Illinois and was a key punch bank operator for about 20 years. She was a faithful servant to the Lord. She helped organize deaf parties, ministered to deaf children, and was part of the deaf choir at her church. She was a current member of the Carolina Forest Community Church and childhood member of the Calvary United Methodist Church. She was a mother, confidant, and friend to so many.

Life was too short, but she contributed so much during that time. Her world was about being unapologetically kind, especially to those who needed it the most. The intermediate family is grateful for all the warm condolences and support during this difficult time. A GoFundMe account will be made in Carol Fleming's name. A memorial service will be held at Carolina Forest Community Church on July 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Flowers, cards and etc. will be accepted at the Fleming residence, contact Kellie Fleming for details.

Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Lynn Fleming.



July 26, 2020 at 12:08 AM



“ I worked with Carol at the Dollar Tree in Carolina Forest for the past 2 years. I have never met a person as sweet as Carol was. Some customers were frustrated with her because they didn't understand she had a hearing problem she just overlooked their rudeness and helped the best she could after they left her and I would look at each other and crack up laughing. She was a great worker and I considered her my friend. You don't need words to show love and respect. I will miss her smiling face. God has you now Carol and you can talk his ear off

Susan - July 25, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ My name is Marsha Livingston. I was introduced to Mrs. Carol in 2018 when I came to the Dollar Tree in Carolina Forest. She was a cashier/recovery associate. I didn't know that she was deaf and to be honest you couldn't even tell. Her smile actually spoke volumes. She was a very dedicated worker and took pride in her job which I was so glad because some people don't want to work but want a paycheck..not Mrs. Carol she was on me like no other about her hours week in and week out. Some weeks our hours were lower than others but she hung right in there with me. Which made my heart flutter. She will truly be missed by my entire staff and I want to thank Mr. Jim for allowing her to be there with us plus coming by and letting us know that she earned her wings to be with the other angels . God bless you!!!!

marsha livingston - July 23, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ It's funny to think about but every memory I have of Aunt Carol is good. She had so much loving-kindness that it exuded from her like a light that couldn't be put out.

One of my very favorite memories is of the short time she lived in Illinois in the early to mid-nineties (?). She had a home she was renting and was close enough to where I was living to see her regularly and spend time with her. She decided she would teach me to sew, I don't remember why maybe I asked or maybe she just thought it would be good for me. She seemed to have a sense of people and somehow just knew what they needed. I don't remember much about the sewing, though I would credit her with getting me started, what I do remember is how she made me feel; Loved, important, beautiful, intelligent, and at ease. She was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen and every time she walked into the room I was delighted to see her. Her patience was beyond comprehension (I was an obnoxiously fidgety ten-year-old) she carefully instructed me and I never felt worried that she would become angry. She was so kind, so patient that meanness and impatience just didn't seem possible. How wonderful it is to have learned an important skill from such an unforgettable person.

I am so thankful for the loving-kindness that marked Aunt Coral's life! Her loving-kindness touched me and I know hundreds of others <3



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