



Caroline A Brown

February 5, 2021

OBITUARY OF CAROLINE ANN [CHERRY] BROWN

Caroline Ann Brown passed away quietly in her sleep of heart failure on Friday February 5, 2021 in Gulf Shores, AL. She was born in Lansing, MI, December 1, 1938 to Royal “Red” Cherry and Zelma Cherry (Cushing).

Caroline graduated from Resurrection High School in Lansing, MI, in 1956. She participated for a number of years with a partner in amateur roller skating dance competition, and met her husband to be at Palomar Skating Rink. She worked as a clerk at Federals Department store, then as a telephone operator at Story Oldsmobile and at Oldsmobile Division of General Motors.

Caroline married her husband, Lyle Brown, Saturday, September 15, 1962 at Resurrection Church in Lansing, MI. They honeymooned at the Seattle World’s Fair.

For 11 years, Caroline and her husband were foster parents for a total of 25 infants and toddlers. They also hosted two foreign exchange students and traveled to Greece in 2002 to visit one of them. They worshiped at St. Gerard Catholic Church in Delta Township, MI and later at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores, AL where they moved in November, 1999.

Caroline and Lyle were known for their extensive travels, including Europe, Russia, South America, all fifty states, and parts of Canada. They spent many winter vacations on the west coast of Puerto Rico. She was active in school and church related activities: teaching knitting in 4-H, leading a girl-scout troop, supporting her daughters in amateur swimming competition, and other activities. She also was very active in the leadership of local wine societies with her husband in the Lansing, MI area, for which they received national awards from Les Amis du Vin. In Gulf Shores, AL, she was active with the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. She was a big fan of Michigan State football and basketball and Lions football.

Caroline leaves behind her husband of 58 years, Lyle Brown; two daughters, Darla Brown (Clare) and Dorey Brown; brother Michael Cherry (Heidi); many relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Donald and Patrick Cherry of Lansing, MI. She is especially missed by one of her foster children, Joshua Wamser, of Greenville, SC, who had become like a son over the years.

A Mass at 11am, March 27 is planned at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores, AL, preceded by a viewing at 10 am in the Parish Hall. At 3:00pm the neighborhood will gather for a celebration of her life. A memorial Mass is also planned at St. Gerard Catholic Church in Delta Township, MI at 11:00am May 22nd, followed by interment of her ashes at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing, MI.

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathy to Lyle Brown and family for the loss of Caroline. She was a wonderful woman, and we will miss her. Sincerely, Don & Connie Roth

Don Roth - March 26 at 08:44 PM