



## Carol R. Wuenstel

March 17, 1948 - April 25, 2021

RACINE- Carol Ruth (nee:Russo) Wuenstel, 73, passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Froedtert Hospital.

Carol was born on March 17, 1948 to the late Stephan and Phyllis (nee: Roth) Russo in Racine. She was united in marriage to Keith Wuenstel on March 16, 1996 in Las Vegas, NV.

Carol loved to be outdoors, especially camping and hiking in Door County. She enjoyed baking, puzzles, beading, visits to the casinos, but being with family and friends most of all.

Carol will be missed by her husband, Keith; daughter, Melissa (David) Reutzel; daughter-in-law, Melanie Miller; grandchildren, Michael McCreery, Cameron (Cheyanna) Miller; sister, Jane (EJ Austin III) Russo and brother, Thomas (Sherry) Russo. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her son, Lt. Michael "Peanut" Miller; siblings, Stephan Russo and Gretchen (Ron) Killips; and her step-mother, Marge Russo.

Memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association at [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Choi and Dr. Matthew from Ascension for their care and compassion.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carol R. Wuenstel*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - May 03, 2021 at 10:01 AM

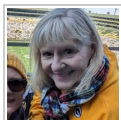


“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol R. Wuenstel*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - May 01, 2021 at 04:24 PM



*Beautiful video of the life of an unforgettable friend ... I'll miss this lady forever ...*

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**Jeanne Matalik** - May 03, 2021 at 11:16 AM

GR

“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Greg - May 05, 2021 at 09:21 PM

GW

“ 1 file added to the album *From John and Lauren Wuenstel's Wedding June 23, 2018*



Greg & Judy Wuenstel - May 05, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Carol R. Wuenstel.



May 02, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DK

“ Keith and family, our deepest sympathies to all of you from your camping family at Monument Point Camping. We opened for the season today without Keith and Carol, we will miss her terribly! This was Carol's little piece of heaven in Door County which she enjoyed so much. We have so many great memories of time we all spent together camping. Carol was a blessing to me (Deb) after I lost my husband last July to cancer. She was a very special lady, may she Rest In Peace! We love you all!!! 😊😊😊😊😊

Deb Krauel - May 01, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol R. Wuenstel.



May 01, 2021 at 06:21 PM

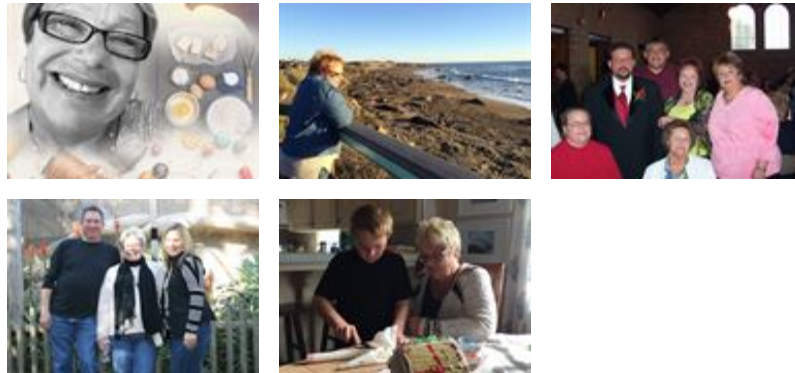
KE

“ I remember Carol from AT&T. Met her in 1983 she took me under her wing. Years later 4 of us decided to go on vacation Ebbie, Cheryl, Carol and me. We were on a tour and we said we would make sure that we all stayed together and one of the days we had a subway tour and somehow we lost Carol. All 3 of us were worried. Hours later Carol shows up later and tell us she up on a rapid subway that took her to a bad part of Harlem and police officer got her a cab and sent her back to our hotel in Manhattan. Carol being Carol thought is an adventure never afraid of anything. The best vacation I ever had.

Karin Emrich - May 01, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - May 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Mc Garry. I was truly blessed to have Carol in my life. She was always so kind and compassionate. She was more than a friend she was my sister. I will miss her but she will always be in my heart  
You are in my prayers Keith Melissa Jane and Tom.*

Kathy Mc Garry - April 30, 2021 at 04:23 PM

RJ

“ *Carol was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Many a night we would sit in her backyard and drink wine. Keith and Melissa I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I won't be able to come down for the service, but I watch my grandkids on Mondays. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Robin Juras - April 29, 2021 at 07:53 PM

PF

*My heart is breaking for the loss of another Russo family member. Carol and I were able to reconnect on FB. I have fond memories of the times we were able to visit during our childhood.*  
*Pat Fitzsimons (cousin)*

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**Pat Fitzsimons** - April 30, 2021 at 07:51 AM

OS

“ *Ocean Spray purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carol R. Wuenstel.*



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**Ocean Spray** - April 29, 2021 at 04:14 PM

MB

“ *Carol, our Dear old Friend. We thank the Lord for your friendship, the good times we had together with You and Keith, your laughter, and your insight on life. We will cherish those memories. Michael & Barbara Payne*

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**Michael & Barbara** - April 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM

SD

“ *Keith, Melissa, Melanie, Cameron, Michael Junior - My heart breaks at the loss of your dynamic, fun, fiercely loving cheerleader far too soon. Carol and I worked together for several years and then continued to check in regularly for lunch at Out of the Pan in Racine after her retirement. The way she approached living with purpose, optimism, and humor -- even after the unimaginable, untimely loss of Michael -- inspires me every day. I don't need to tell you how deeply she loved all of you and how proud she was in sharing your successes and accomplishments. I will miss her.*  
*- Sally Davis*

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**Sally Davis** - April 29, 2021 at 12:13 PM

FT

“ *Family and Staff at Rusty Tractor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol R. Wuenstel.*



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**Family and Staff at Rusty Tractor** - April 29, 2021 at 10:08 AM

CP

“ *Carol was always so full of fun and laughter. We worked together at SCJ and shared so many good times and laughs. She was a special lady and will be missed. My love, prayers and support go out to Keith, Melissa and the rest of the family at this time. Carol Pansch*

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**Carol Pansch** - April 29, 2021 at 10:07 AM

MN

“ *We will really miss Carol. Sitting around the campfire and visiting. Never a dull moment ; we have nice memories of our fire side chats. Sorry for the loss of this nice fellow camper. God bless you Carol ; Keith and Family. Mike and Linda N.*



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**Mike Nieuwenhuis** - April 28, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CF

“ *My first memory of meeting Carol/Keith was on a Saturday morning. I heard a familiar bark. I had an American Eskimo and this bark was the same. I looked out my bedroom window and saw a white fluffy puppy. I went across the street to meet Carol and Keith and the puppy . That was the beginning of a great neighborly relationship for years.*

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**Claudia Flynn** - April 28, 2021 at 03:55 PM

PM

“ We had a lunch bunch in the office. Carol was easy to be around. We shared stories around the table. I remember her laughter. I admired her strength. My heartfelt sympathy to Keith and the family.  
~ Pat McGrath

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**Patricia McGrath** - April 28, 2021 at 01:13 PM

DD

“ Our fondest memories of Carol go way back to the soccer days of her son and ours. Sometimes we were the only parents sitting on the side line. Carol, my husband and I would bring our lawn chairs and our blankets. We even sat out there once when it was snowing. So very sorry for your loss Melissa. Darlene and Jim Dix

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**Darlene Dix** - April 28, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol R. Wuenstel.



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April 28, 2021 at 12:17 AM

DC

“ Oh the memories I have spending time with your family is bringing tears to my eyes. You took me in as a teenager and troubled child and gave me much needed love. You were my mom when I needed one most at such a critical time in my life. I will never forget the mornings we shared sipping coffee and as I listened to your motherly advice and giving me the guidance I so needed. Thank you for being there for me and sharing your home and your family and all the love I so desperately needed. I would not be the person I am today without your words of wisdom Carol. I wish I could turn time back and tell you how much you meant to me and how instrumental you were in helping me navigate this crazy life. I miss you and your voice of reason and the late nights we spent watching television, the coffee talks, teaching me how to balance a check book, shopping, cooking lessons, boyfriend lessons and so much more. I have treasured memories that don't appear on facebook but are forever imprinted upon on my heart.

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**Diane Carre** - April 28, 2021 at 12:06 AM