



Mary Deborah Strom Carlsen

December 31, 1948 - December 29, 2023

Mary Deborah Strom Carlsen was born in Ladysmith, WI, on December 31, 1948, to Gus and Vonnie (Biller) Strom. She died on December 29, 2023, in Milwaukee at Columbia St Mary's Hospital after a long illness.

Debbie's early years were in Winter, WI, where she attended elementary school. The family moved to Antioch, IL, where she graduated from high school in 1967. She attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, where she studied English and Spanish, and graduated in 1970. Deb married Russ Carlsen in 1971, and they have made their home in Racine for the past 40 years. Her career spanned working as a computer analyst at Allstate in Chicago, owning a small dress shop in Racine, WI, and teaching Spanish at Bradford High School in Kenosha, WI. She retired in 2008.

Deb loved to read and to travel with her friends and family. She loved a good Bridge game but what was most important to her was her home. She took impeccable care of everyone including her kittens that she adored. She was a genuine caretaker and the bedrock of her family. She was very special to all who knew her.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents Gustav Strom (2004) and Vonnie Bates (2012). She is survived by her husband Russ Carlsen of 52 years; sister Valerie (Mike) Coffman; brother John (Marce) Strom; niece Kate (Ian)

Robertson; her great niece and nephew Lily and Gus Robertson; sister-in-law Wendy (Norm) Schroeder; niece Lisa (Juan Carlos) Baracalbo, great nieces Annebelle and Danica; nephew Eric (Lily) Schroeder and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm on Wednesday, January 17 at Sturino Funeral Home at 3014 Northwestern Avenue in Racine. Funeral services will be at 12 noon on Saturday, January 20 at Zion Lutheran Church in Winter, WI. Friends and family may arrive at the church at 11:00 am. Interment will be in the Winter Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
5268 N Cemetery Rd
Winter, WI 54896

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary Deborah Strom Carlsen.*



January 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *The Hlas and The Jack Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Deborah Strom Carlsen.*

The Hlas and The Jack Families - January 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *We have many fond memories of Deb and Rocky over the years. Bob was the best man at Deb and Rocky's wedding. We enjoyed spending time with Deb and Rocky at a class reunion, Chicago Cubs baseball games, and dinners together. May Deb rest in peace with God forever. All our love, Bob and Patty*

Bob - January 08, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Deborah Strom Carlsen.*



January 07, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ *Rest in peace, Deb, my friend. Pat*

Patricia A Dolan - January 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM