



Mrs. Carolyn E. Downer

January 27, 1941 - January 29, 2021

Carolyn E. Downer, 80, of Lanesboro passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021 following a courageous battle with lung cancer. Carol was born in Utica, New York on January 27, 1941 to Clesson and Florence (Baird) Eurich. As a young girl the family moved to Waterbury, Vermont where she graduated from Waterbury High in 1960.

She married her late husband, Phillip (Pete) Downer on June 17, 1961 in Waterbury, Vermont and they settled in the St Johnsbury, Vermont area. In 1969, following a job transfer, they moved to Lenox, Massachusetts where they raised their three boys. They returned to Vermont in 1983. The year after the death of her husband on February 6, 1999, Carol moved back to Massachusetts to be nearer to her children and grandchildren.

She worked at Friendly's in Lenox for 10 years when the boys were young. She was a homemaker that loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She could be found at all the grandchildren's sporting events. She was an active member of the Dalton American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary. Carol enjoyed being active snow shoeing, bowling, walking, and dancing, but her passion in later years was golfing. She had a hole in one while a member of the Copley Country Club in Morrisville, Vermont and was Senior Women's Club champion at the Skyline County Club.

Carol is survived by her two sons Kevin (Paula) Downer of Lenox and Daniel (Sue) Downer of Dalton. She leaves her grandchildren Hollie, Jamie, Michael and Jessie Downer and siblings Kevin (Sheila) Eurich, Susan (Dennis)

MCDonald and Steven (Elaine) Eurich as well as many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her longtime companion, Ernest Dechaine, with whom she made her home over the last 13 years and his children Danielle and Matthew and their families.

As well as her husband, Carol was predeceased by her parents, her son Michael Downer (1992), grandson Peter Downer (1999) and her sisters Nancy Demas and Joanne Griffith.

Funeral Notice:

There will be no formal calling hours. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, with a burial following in Johnson, Vermont. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carol's memory to Soldier On or the American Cancer Society in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere condolences to Carol's family. She was a lovely woman with a big heart and a very proud grandmother. May she RIP.

Nanette Spoehr - June 16, 2021 at 08:02 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Carolyn Downer. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers.

Sr. Seán Damien

Sponsor Representative

Mount Carmel Care Center

Sr. Sean D Flynn - February 23, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ Always lots of fun bowling with Carol on the senior bowling league at Candlelanes. Winning the championship with the Robins was one of many memories. We had so many good laughs. You will be missed by so many. Condolances to your and Ernie's families. Cheryl Cornell, David Cornell, and Virginia Miner

Cheryl Cornell - February 05, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ Just too many memories to post. Morning coffee after the kids got on the buss. My favorites are of "Trick or Drink" following treating with the kids going out to visit Dolores and Pat or a nip. Dressing up with the kids to go out treating, pot luck suppers before going out. Hiding Christmas presents at our home and ours at your to keep prying eyes out. You were a great friend and neighbor. You always had a great sense of humor and will be missed. Dolores Rocha

Dolores Rocha - February 02, 2021 at 08:51 AM

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“ Carol was always fun to be with. She loved to laugh. Her smile and her laughter could light up a room. She will be greatly missed. Heartfelt condolences to Ernie and their families.

Diane Flynn - February 01, 2021 at 04:40 PM