



Caroline J. Christensen

September 15, 1938 - February 23, 2016

Caroline J. Christensen, age 77, died peacefully at her home in Manitowish Waters on February 23, 2016 after a long illness. She is survived by her loving husband, Noble “Chris” Christensen; her two sons, Paul (Jennifer) and Peter; and granddaughters, Katherine and Caroline. Her third son, David, passed away in December 2012.

Carol was born on September 15, 1938 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of the late Charles and Annette Porter. She attended St. Benedict’s High School in Chicago, class of 1956, and was a student at Alverno College in Milwaukee. An accomplished figure skater in her youth, Carol competed in several national competitions. She was married in North Carolina on August 3, 1960 while her husband was serving in the military.

After studying photography in Atlanta, GA where she and her family lived for 25 years, Carol went on to become an award-winning professional photographer and photography instructor. Her photos were featured in books published by Houghton Mifflin, magazines such as National Geographic, and other well-known national and local publications.

A 50-year resident of the Northwoods, Carol and her husband were long-time members of the Northwoods Ski Touring Association where she enjoyed cross-country skiing and biking with friends. She was an active member of the

Lady Yakkers kayak club. Carol was also an avid mushroom hunter and member of the Northstate Mycological Club. Her other hobbies included rug hooking, quilting, needlepoint, seashell artistry (while spending Winters in Englewood, FL), dollhouse design, and the curation of impressive collections of loon figurines, old tools and brown pots.

Bolger Funeral and Cremation Services is assisting the family. Online condolences can be shared at www.bolgerfuneral.com. Special thanks to Ministry Home Care for the kindness and care they provided. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Manitowish Waters Community Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manitowish Waters Community Church
49 S Hwy 51
Manitowish Waters, WI

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ Dear Chris & Family
I remember when Carol & I went shopping in Ironwood, but she was caught speeding (and talked her way out of it!). she asked the deputy what the fine would have been -- he said \$85,.. then as we sped off, she remarked "well, we now have \$85 MORE to spend!" That was Carol. she could talk her way out of anything! She was a super photographer and took some pictures of a house I was selling...the house never looked so good! We will miss her.
Patty & Bob Werner

Patty Werner - August 06, 2016 at 08:27 AM

PW

“ Carol would come into my shop and we would giggle over all the miniatures she had used in her dollhouses. I was always struck by her enthusiasm in redoing an old or unfinished dollhouse. She had such a spark about her that was enchanting. There was not a project that she was daunted by whether it was wallpapering or painting. I shall miss our chats and the exchange of ideas and seeing the fruits of her labors. I am grateful she crossed my path.
Paisley Woodside

Paisley Woodside - March 10, 2016 at 11:55 AM

CS

“ My condolences to Mr. C and family. I have the fondest of memories of the many summers spent on White Sand Lake with your family. Mrs C used to love riding in the boat with us photographing our ski accomplishments and failures! I still have the many slides and posters she made of us.
Chris Sanderson

Chris Sanderson - February 27, 2016 at 09:27 AM

SS

“ I'm sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great friend to my mother Nancy Kletzien and really was there for her in her health problems. I'm thankful for that. Plus she came to my film show in Madison! Love, Scott Stark

Scott Stark - February 26, 2016 at 06:26 PM

BS

“ Carol was a dear, dear friend to my late mother, Nancy Kletzien. I have so many fond memories of her! She took my children to the Nature Center, getting my daughter to overcome her fear of frogs...such a lovely, generous woman. I have to believe that she and Mom are sitting in a kayak somewhere, hooking rugs and identifying birds and flowers. My condolences to the family...her loss is heartbreaking, but her life was a celebration. God bless you Carol, may you rest in peace. Brooke Stark

Brooke Stark - February 26, 2016 at 05:33 PM

MP

“ Dear Chris & family, Our sincere sympathy to you at this difficult time. Carol's life was full and she so willingly shared her talents and joys with those of us lucky enough to be around her. The love and care you and your family gave her during her illness was amazing and much admired. Thank you. You are in our prayers.
Margo & Bill

Margo & Bill Perkins - February 26, 2016 at 10:41 AM