



Caroline Christine Lanspeary

June 4, 1949 - August 25, 2016

Caroline Christine Lanspeary, adoring mother and "Nana" , beloved sister, and devoted friend, passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday morning, August 25, 2016, after a long, well-fought battle with COPD. She was 67 years old.

Caroline was born in Alpena on June 4, 1949 to J. Nelson and Marvis (McDougall) Potvin, the second child of six. She grew up in a loving home in Alpena with her four sisters and one brother, before moving to Cadillac in 1964, and graduating from Cadillac High School in 1967.

Following High School, Caroline attended Ferris State University and in 1975 moved to Livonia where she lived and raised her family for thirty-five years. She worked in Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional for ten years, working primarily with kids who had experienced difficult times and needed a kind, patient, and warm soul to believe in them. As her faith was also very important to her, she taught Religious Education in the Catholic Church for over 30 years, beginning at St. Gerald of Farmington and continued at St. Ann following her move back to Cadillac in 2010.

Since 2011, Caroline has lived at Harbor View Apartments where she quickly made many new friends, enjoyed her retirement, and spent her last years surrounded by her relatives in Cadillac who cared for and loved her deeply.

Among her many interests, Caroline was an avid reader, excellent cook and baker, loved the theater, and had a knack for telling and writing creative stories.

Throughout her entire life, Caroline's family was her priority. She is survived by her five children: Mark Riley (Margaret), Patrick Boyd, William (Lara) Lanspeary, Michael Lanspeary, and Katy Lanspeary (Brandon Gregory); five grandchildren: Tyler, Ella, Chloe, Grace, and Grayson; four siblings: Luanne (Pete) Brennan, Peggy (Lee) Jones, Bill (Corky) Potvin, and Katie (Tom) Montague; and her Aunt Mariette Potvin.

She is preceded in death by both her mother and father, as well as her sister, Julie Potvin-Vandercook.

Caroline was a caring, gracious, and loving woman who opened her heart to anyone and everyone. She will be greatly missed.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, September 2, 2016 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Msgr. Fr. Francis J. Murphy as celebrant. Friends may meet the family at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac on Thursday, September 1, 2016 from 5-8 PM with the Rosary being prayed at 7:30 PM. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, St. Ann Education Fund, or the After 26 Depot. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *I miss you, Caroline.
So many good memories; such a good friend. xoxo*

Lucille M. Lietzau - June 18, 2018 at 12:08 AM

LL

“ *I miss you, Caroline.
So many good memories; such a good friend. xoxo*

Lucille M. Lietzau - June 18, 2018 at 12:06 AM

GD

“ *The world has lost a very kind soul. Rest in Peace, Putt.*

Gary Dunbar - September 12, 2016 at 06:47 AM

DM

“ *I worked with Carolyn at Livonia Public Schools. She was always a positive influence for students and staff. She was much loved. I know her faith was so strong that she now dwells with Our Lord.*

Donna Mulder - September 08, 2016 at 02:39 PM

PW

“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with Caroline briefly at Livonia Public Schools. Such a delightful lady!*

Patty Wischmeyer - September 01, 2016 at 07:53 AM

VW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Katy and your family. I always enjoyed being around your mom, she was always making us laugh. Miss those great times and the fun we had on the soccer field!
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Valerie Winiesdorffer - August 31, 2016 at 01:06 PM

JC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

John & Linda Coffell - August 30, 2016 at 08:23 AM

LM

“ Condolences to your family. We will remember Caroline in our prayers.

Laurie McKay - August 29, 2016 at 09:00 PM

KK

“ Katy and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your loving mother. She was such a great neighbor and wonderful person. She will be sadly missed. Just remember to always keep her in your heart.

Kathy Kaltz - August 29, 2016 at 12:17 PM

TB

“ So glad I had the pleasure of knowing Caroline, who had the kindest soul of anyone I had ever met. You will be missed

Terry Ball - August 29, 2016 at 08:30 AM

BP

“ We love you Aunt Kiki, Love , Clay and Britt

Brittany Potvin - August 28, 2016 at 09:26 PM

DB

“ Words can not express how sad we were to learn of Caroline' s passing. The soccer trips, the girls trip to NYC and Shipshawana. So many good memories.bill and Kurt always kept us busy doing something . Our sympathy to the family and loved ones. Caroline you will be missed.

Don and Peg Besecker - August 28, 2016 at 06:37 PM

MG

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Marianthe Grammas - August 28, 2016 at 04:10 PM

GS

“ Class of ' 67 ... Putt .. Kind to everyone she met with a perpetual, happy presence.

Gail Pergler Smith - August 28, 2016 at 02:04 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. Caroline was a lovely person and always to kind to me and my family.

Jamie Taylor - August 28, 2016 at 01:31 PM

SG

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family of this wonderful woman. Her passion for others and the ability to make people laugh (and even laugh at her own jokes) will never be forgotten. Thank you for so many great childhood memories!*

Sunny Grezlik - August 28, 2016 at 12:07 PM

SS

“ *Thanks for the memories, Putt.....you always made my heart giggle.Prayers to the family of this wonderful woman.*

Suzanne(Dubbie) Slack - August 27, 2016 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ *MY prayers go out to family*

michel baker - August 27, 2016 at 08:07 AM

DB

“ *Sympathy to the family of this wonderful lady. She was always a joy to be around and made everyone feel better.*

Daniel Brooks - August 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

JL

“ *Although we didn't have an opportunity to meet or know Caroline, we wish to express our kind words of sympathy to her siblings and the family.*

Jerry and Diane Leavell - August 26, 2016 at 07:28 PM