



Karen Rochelle Carroll

December 20, 1943 - April 15, 2023

Karen “Rochelle” Galey Carroll passed on April 15, 2023. She was born December 20, 1943, in Huntington, Indiana, to Ruth McDaniel Galey and Donald L. Galey.

Though she lived most of her life in Michigan, she remained a 'Hoosier' at heart--the "hills of Brown" were always calling. Rochelle was educated in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where she was recognized as an outstanding student. She was selected as class speaker for high school graduation and also spoke for her class in 2012 at their 50th high school reunion. In 1962 she enrolled in Butler University where she became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, and Tau Beta Sigma band honorary sorority. In 1966 she graduated from Butler University, Jordan College of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree.

After accepting a teaching position in Flint, Michigan, she met and married Dr. Fred Carroll in 1967. She then completed a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling from Central Michigan University.

Rochelle and Fred were truly blessed with two children, Shannon Paige and Patrick Michael. They have 3 grandchildren whom they adored: Dominic Cataldo (Rebecca Sharp) (Pat and Sheri Carroll); Megan Frey and Molly Frey (Shannon Carroll-Frey and David Frey).

While raising her children and as a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, she volunteered with church youth and adult groups and with community organizations. She was past president of Cadillac Women's Club,

a member of Cadillac Philharmonic Club, coordinator of both the Cadillac Color Festival and the Cadillac Arts Festival.

Teaching was such an important and integral part of her life. While teaching instrumental music in the Flint Public Schools she also taught trumpet and piano privately for many years. Rochelle later became an instrumental music director (1987-2003) for grades 5 through 12 in the Cadillac Area Public Schools. In 1990 she was selected as one of Cadillac Schools Outstanding Teachers. She was nominated and selected for Who's Who Among American Teachers by her students. Professionally Rochelle was trumpet personnel in Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Flint Symphony Orchestra, and Saginaw Symphony Orchestra. For years she was a member of Cadillac Brass, a 25-year member of Cadillac Symphony Orchestra, and a more than 30 year member and president of Cadillac 'Clam Lake Band.' In 2009 she became a charter member of Cadillac Area Women's Giving Circle.

She loved to laugh! She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, friends and pets. She loved music, cooking, gardening, and exercise. She loved working hard and seeing positive progress. Her life was good and full!

Visitation will be held at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services on Tuesday, April 18 from 5-7pm. The Memorial Service will be held at Cadillac United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4pm.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to: Cadillac United Methodist Church (<https://cadillacumc.org/>), The Ancient & Honorable Clam Lake Dock & Dredge Marching & Chowder Society Silver Cornet Band (i.e. 'Clam Lake Band') c/o Mike Smith (Treasurer) at 6546 East 26 ¼ Mile Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601, or to Munson Healthcare Hospice (<https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/home-health/hospice/hospice>). An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Memorial Service

APR **20.** 4:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Cadillac
1020 E Division St
Cadillac, MI 49601-8537
(231) 775-5362

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Rochelle and I were good friends from grade school bc we both attended Trinity Methodist Church with our families. We always had fun together. In high school we had many of the same classes. She was a special friend that I've thought of over the years! I'll miss you, Rochelle!!

Marcia (Melvin) Caldwell - January 06, 2024 at 03:08 PM

JH

“ Upon hearing of Rochelle's passing, I sent an email to the person who notified me. I don't know where that email went, but I wanted to put something on this website. I only spent one year in Crawfordsville my senior year, and Rochelle was one of the best friends that I had there. I have since seen her at two different reunions and I'm so sorry to Fred and the family. She was a special lady a person that I have thought about many times over the years. What a blessing to have known her and to know of her wonderful life. Condolences to all of the Carol family and all of those that she touched .

Jim Howerton - May 14, 2023 at 01:47 PM

JS

“ Our sincere condolences to Fred and the entire family. For the last five years Rochelle and Fred were our neighbors in Naples. Chris and I will always remember the laughs, smiles and warm conversations. We will always see Fred and Rochelle walking hand in hand through the community. While we mourn your loss, others are rejoicing to meet you again! RIP my friend! Love You Always, John & Chris Simone

John Simone - April 26, 2023 at 03:31 PM

BS

“ Pat and family, we are both so very sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bruce and Lois Smithers

Bruce Smithers - April 20, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Rochelle Carroll.



April 20, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ The Cadillac Philharmonic Club sends sincere condolences to her family. Our club is grateful for her participation as a member and past President.
Dianne Case, President

Dianne Case - April 20, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MG

“ You have been a guardian angel in my life. Although is time for you to set flight...you will always live in my heart. Until we meet again... with Love, Marie & John

MARIE GILESTRA-TAYLOR - April 19, 2023 at 09:08 PM

RF

“ Ron, Jerry & the Centaurus Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Karen Rochelle Carroll.



Ron, Jerry & the Centaurus Family - April 19, 2023 at 11:50 AM

LL

“ Mrs. Carroll and her love not only for music, but for teaching music changed my life in so many positive ways. And honestly, she continues to change lives through music- her positivity and drive helps motivate me to encourage my own 6th grade trumpet player to try and constantly improve! What a blessing her life was to so many.

Lindsay M Lauwers - April 19, 2023 at 08:36 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about Rochelle's passing. She was a special friend and Classmate. Sending our deepest sympathies to Fred and the family.

Jim Gineris - April 18, 2023 at 09:21 AM

AF

“ All our love, the Hermann Suhs family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Rochelle Carroll.



All our love, the Hermann Suhs family. - April 18, 2023 at 08:08 AM

MS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mardi Suhs - April 18, 2023 at 07:59 AM

MS

Your friendship added joy to our lives. So lucky to have known you. Will miss you dearly. All our love with condolences to your dear family. Hermann & Mardi Suhs, Roman and Josephine.

Mardi Suhs - April 18, 2023 at 08:03 AM

AK

“ *Condolences to Rochelle’s family. We are keeping you all in our prayers.*

Anne and Bill Keith - April 17, 2023 at 10:35 PM

AG

“ *Deepest condolences to Mrs. Carroll’s family. She was well loved by many band students. Former students of hers are now teachers, parents of current band students, and band booster volunteers. Today at the booster meeting, we reminisced about what a wonderful teacher she was and fondly remembered her wearing bright red shoes at band concerts. Her love of music lives on.*

Amy Gullekson - April 17, 2023 at 08:57 PM

FF

“ from your T&L family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Karen Rochelle Carroll.



from your T&L family - April 17, 2023 at 05:56 PM

NT

“ My sincere condolences to the Carroll family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my prayers.

Nikki Toledo - April 17, 2023 at 04:05 PM

TA

“ I am very sorry to hear of Rochelle's passing. She was a special lady and I have many fond memories of her and the family.

Tammy - April 17, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Rochelle Carroll.



April 17, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rochelle's passing. Our children were blessed to have her as their music teacher. What a talented, gracious person! Our condolences to the Carroll family.
Mark and Jane Wightman

Jane Wightman - April 17, 2023 at 11:08 AM

DC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Rochelle's passing. She was a wonderful teacher and a kind person.
The Cline-Stuber family

Debra Cline-Stuber - April 17, 2023 at 09:27 AM

SB

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to Fred and the family. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*

Sandy Bengelink - April 16, 2023 at 09:28 PM