



Carol Jean Lembke

April 15, 1943 - January 29, 2025

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(nee Girot)

Age 81, of Braidwood, IL, formerly of Essex, IL, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Ascension Living Heritage Village in Kankakee, IL. Born April 15, 1943 in Joliet, IL to the late Charles P. and Mildred Marie (nee Malinek) Girot.

Graduate of Reed-Custer High School, Class of 1961. Carol married Wayne Ervin Lembke on June 16, 1962 in Braidwood. She worked in the bakery at Super Value in Wilmington for over 20 years and was also an Avon Representative for 35 years. Carol was an avid NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. fan, and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved hummingbirds, flowers, and working puzzles.

Surviving are one son, Ronald (Michelle) Lembke of Braceville, IL; three daughters, Patricia (Ray) Spence of Chebanse, IL, Michelle (Chad) Nesselrodt of Martinton, IL, and Kristie (Jason) Beard of Braidwood; six grandchildren, Tiara (Dakota) Becker, Brittany (Jacob Wilson) Guynn, Beau (Ellen) Guynn, Cayley (Zach Stephenson) Orr, Jason Beard, Jr, and Mya Beard; five great grandchildren, Aaron Issler, Tayelynn Wilson, Natalie Becker, Camden Issler, and Shelby Becker; brother in-law, Terry Lembke; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Wayne Lembke; and sister, Mary Ann (Richard) Koehler.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. with funeral service at 3:00 p.m.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services. Inurnment Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Braidwood, IL 60408
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Service

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Sincere condolences.
Michele and Matt Cannon
Sue and Pat Foley*

Michele Cannon - February 02, 2025 at 01:03 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to learn about Carol. She was such a sweetheart, taught me many things when I moved to the bakery, all the girls had patience with me. I still cherish a wishing well and bench that Wayne made for me. You are all in my prayers at this difficult time of physical loss. Feel God holding you in love.*



Carol Buente - February 01, 2025 at 07:15 PM

KN

“ *I was fortunate to know Carol. We were AVON representatives together. She was such a lovely soft spoken woman who I admired. I am sorry for your family's loss and hope the good memories you shared help you through this difficult time.*

Kerri Nolan - February 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM

DD

“ *Kristie I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She was such a sweet person and I enjoyed working with her. She always had a smile and a kind word. Sending condolences to your family*

Dana Dunkin - January 31, 2025 at 11:59 PM

MB

“ When my mom moved into Heritage, Carol was her first roommate. She wasn't in the room when we arrived to settle mom in, but I remember the staff telling her, “Don't worry, your roommate is a sweetheart.” On that very first day, I found out they were right. Although Carol moved to a different room just days later, saying “Hi, Carol” when I saw her in the activity room on my way to or from visiting mom became a regular part of my routine. It already feels strange not saying those two words as I walk down the Heritage hallway. My condolences to all of her family, friends, former co-workers, and neighbors.

Mark Baron - January 31, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JD

My dearest friend for nearly 30 years. We worked at Super Valu together and remained friends. I don't think I've ever met a sweeter nicer person. Carol, you definitely will be missed by many. I love you. RIP my friend

Jessie Davis - February 01, 2025 at 06:11 PM

JD

“ My dearest friend. We shared so many good times together at work and outside of work. Such a precious person, giving, loving, and caring. I will miss her forever. Condolences to all the family. I know you all loved her dearly

Jessie Davis - January 30, 2025 at 10:58 PM

KL

“ Kathy Luedtke lit a candle in memory of Carol Lembke



Kathy Luedtke - January 30, 2025 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss



debra mulder - January 30, 2025 at 05:41 PM