



## Carol Margaret Strouse

March 8, 1932 - June 3, 2019

Carol Margaret Strouse

“Nana”

Age 87, of Braidwood, IL passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019 at her home. Born on March 8, 1932 in Rockford, IL to William and Helen Bridgeland. She married Jack Strouse on July 24, 1954 at Middle Creek Church in Winnebago, IL. He preceded her in death in 1996. Carol was a housewife who attended the Presbyterian church and enjoyed reading, bird watching and playing dominoes, board and card games. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are her sons, Scott (Juli) Strouse of Walton, KY, Craig (Pamela) Strouse of Wheaton, IL and TJ (Virginia) Strouse of Braidwood, IL; daughters, Connie Mathena of Minooka, IL and Kimberly (Michael) Watts of Rockingham, NC; grandchildren, Melissa Craig, Kurt Strouse, Matthew Mathena, Carolynn Whitaker, Megan Arellano, Bradley Strouse, Michael Watts, Jasmine Wente, Jacklyn Strouse, Julia Strouse and Ethan Strouse; fifteen great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Oliphant of Rockford, IL; and brothers, James Bridgeland of Winnebago, IL, William Bridgeland of East Lansing, MI, Robert Bridgeland of Summerfield, FL and Richard Bridgeland of Palmview, TX.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; and brother, Paul Bridgeland.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 10:30 am at Middle Creek Church, 12473 Montague Rd, Winnebago, IL. Pastor Anita Stuart-Steva

will officiate. Burial will immediately follow the service at Middle Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Middle Creek Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Middle Creek Cemetery

Winnebago, IL

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Middle Creek Church  
12473 Montague Rd  
Winnebago, IL

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Spent many evenings playing Bunco with Carol. I can still hear her laugh.

Denise Harvey - June 26, 2019 at 05:45 PM

MM

“ Condolences to all Carol's children and siblings. She was my glamorous first cousin when I was a little girl and was very kind to me. I loved the sound of her voice and remember her frequent smiles. A special memory in our family was that she was the flower girl at our parents' wedding in 1938 as you can see with her on the right in the picture. As happens, we fell out of touch with each other in recent years and I'm sorry about that. Only good thoughts and memories from cousin Marian Pepper Milling.



Marian Milling - June 17, 2019 at 05:47 PM

JF

Love this memory

janet Frawley - October 02, 2020 at 10:56 PM

MS

“ I remember how handsome she and Jack were when they got married. I loved seeing her and her siblings at the Goshen reunions. Polly Pepper Simmons - cousin

Margaret Simmons - June 07, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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June 05, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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June 05, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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June 05, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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June 05, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.



June 04, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.



June 04, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.



June 04, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.



June 04, 2019 at 05:27 PM

MW

“ As all the close family knows, the game Aggravation, was an almost daily occurrence when any of the family got together. Sometimes for fun, but mostly, for the loser to have to do the evening meal dishes. When Carol and I were playing in a game together, she would change from a normally savvy, smart player, to a reckless, Kamikaze style, demon possessed madwoman when it came to picking certain people off. She would scheme and count moves with great zeal when it came to picking one my men off. While that in itself, is not an unusual move, Carol would actually come down off of the top of the board early (where many spaces can be skipped as a fast track to get your own guy to a safe zone) almost every time, if her number of moves allowed her to take one of my guys out. Who does that! It was so frequent for her to do so, it became an expected manner of play. I'm not sure of the motivation, but I suspect it might have something to do with some measure of retribution for having taken her little girl far away from her. We'll never know for sure, cause she wasn't telling. Still Love me some Nana in spite of it all! ❤️  
There's also the "shower" tale, but that, as they say is another story.  
Michael Watts

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Michael Watts - June 04, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.



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June 04, 2019 at 03:30 PM

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“ *The Watts and Whitaker Families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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**The Watts and Whitaker Famlies.** - June 04, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Margaret Strouse.*



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June 04, 2019 at 02:23 PM