



# Caroline Ann Schimke

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## **Caroline Ann Schimke**

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**C**aroline Ann Schimke, age 80, of Centerville, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Centerville Specialty Care.

Caroline was born on December 4, 1941 in Ashland, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Lena (Vaillancour) Klaus. She graduated from Ashland High School, and furthered her education with some college classes. On June 22, 1962, Caroline was united in marriage to Joe DeMars. To this union, three children were born, Marie, Mary and Joe.

Caroline first began working at Wells Manufacturing in Milwaukee. She moved to Centerville on April 16, 1986 from Milwaukee. She accepted a position as production control manager at Wells Manufacturing in Centerville. Caroline retired in 2004 after thirty years at Wells Manufacturing.

In February of 2000, Joe passed away. On December 30, 2006, Caroline was united in marriage to Gurmen Schimke. He passed away in January of 2010.

In her free time, Caroline enjoyed knitting, gardening, sewing, and quilting. She was a member of St. Marys Catholic Church in Centerville for many years. Most importantly, Caroline was devoted to her family and her faith.

Left to cherish Carolines memory are her children, Marie (Barry) McLinn of Freeport, Illinois, Mary (Wayne) DeVore of Centerville, Iowa, and Joe (Christine) DeMars of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; her sister, Johanna (Richard) Mihalek of Washburn, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Brett DeVore, Noelle (Austin) Hoffman, Christian (Gracie) DeVore, Dylon Ashbaugh, Austin DeMars, and Lucas DeMars; six great grandchildren, Hayden DeVore, Klaus Hoffman, Kael Hoffman, Wrenley Hoffman, Gabriella DeVore, and Harlow DeVore; as well as several extended family members.

Caroline was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lena Klaus; her husbands, Joe DeMars and Gurmen Schimke; and 8 siblings, Fred Klaus, Everald Klaus,



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Rosemary Cody, Marie Klaus, Lorraine Lundquist, Betty Rokser, Catherine Pocerlich, and Ardetta Sufak.

Per Carolines wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30AM, Saturday, June 4, 2022 at St. Marys Catholic Church in Centerville with Fr. Timothy Armbruster officiating. Inurnment will be held on August 20th at 11am at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Washburn, WI. Memorials may be written to Mary DeVore, to be designated for monument expenses, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Schimke family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com) or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Celebration of Life

2022-06-04 10:30:00

St. Mary's Catholic Church

828 South 18th Street

Centerville

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:54 PM



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**Richy Cairns** posted:

Sorry for your families Mary,

April 30 at 7:00 PM



**Chris Van Blaricome** posted:

Caroline was such a great mentor to me. I absolutely adored her. She was always inspiring and will always remember her words of encouragement. My deepest condolences to her family.

April 27 at 7:00 PM



**Rachael Butler** posted:

My dad spent some time at Centerville Specialty Care ion the fall of 2019 after a stroke. Every evening on my way out after supper Caroline would stop me to visit. We didnt know each other (was quite a time later I found out she was Brett Devores grandmother. a friend in our old neighborhood) but we enjoyed our visits. She always wanted a hug and would kiss me on the cheek when I left. She was a bright spot for me in an otherwise stressful, sad time.

April 27 at 7:00 PM



**Deborah Cossolotto** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. When I worked at CSC Carolyn always had a hug and a kiss on the cheek for me. And when I was finally able to visit again after pandemic, Carolyn still had her arms out for that hug. So glad I got to know you Carolyn. And, again to the family, I am so sorry.

April 27 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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