



Carmilla Mae Kauzlarich

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Carmilla Mae Kauzlarich, age 89, of Centerville, passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at MercyOne Centerville Medical Center.

Carmilla was born on November 12, 1934 in Graysville, Missouri, the daughter of Riva and Dorothy (Brown) Rowland. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1954. She was united in marriage to Andrew Albert Kauzlarich June 6, 1953.

She then started working at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Centerville as a CNA. Later she began the LPN program at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville and continued at the Indian Hills Campus in Ottumwa, graduating with her RN degree in 1978.

Carmilla thoroughly enjoyed nursing. She was a nurse for over 50 years in various hospitals including, St Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, University of Missouri in Columbia, Mercy One Des Moines, Putnam County Memorial Hospital and later retired from Lucas County Hospital at the young age of 83 where she was a Cardiac Pulmonary Rehab Nurse.

While working at Lucas County Hospital, she was nominated and received the Iowa Hospitals Hero's Award in 2010. Presented by the Iowa Hospital Association this award celebrates the top 10 Medical Professionals in Iowa.

After retiring Carmilla enjoyed her working in flower gardens, feeding the birds and beautifying her yard. She also continued to cook and bake for her extended family and friends. She reconnected with classmates and assisted with Big Red Homecoming events for the class of 1954 and enjoyed Friday morning coffee at Hardees with friends.

Left to cherish Carmilla's memory are her 2 children, Sharen Kauzlarich (Kirstin Becker-Kauzlarich), Sean Kauzlarich, and adopted daughter Marcia Foglesong; her grandchildren, Keith (Megan) Foglesong, Bennie Foglesong, Jennie (Keagan) Plummer and Chad (Carrie) Montegna;



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great grandchildren, Ashram Foglesong, Kira Foglesong, Alta Jo Plummer and Caleb Montegna; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Carmilla was preceded in death by her parents, Riva and Dorothy Rowland; her husband, Andrew Kauzlarich; her son-in-law, Phillip Foglesong; dear friend Jean Montegna and her 8 siblings.

Services for Carmilla will be held at 2:00PM, Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Centerville with Rev. Jeremy McElvain officiating. Cremation will follow the service, and burial at Oakland Cemetery in Centerville to be held at a later date.

Visitation will take place Saturday, March 16, 2024 at First Lutheran Church in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 1:00PM-2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Furever Friends Rescue of Appanoose Inc. and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Kauzlarich family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 5:31 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 4:47 PM



Marcia Montegna Foglesong lit a candle in honor of Carmilla.



October 28 at 7:00 PM



Jill Montegna posted:

I was saddened to hear of Mica's passing. She was one of a kind and I'm blessed to have known her. Her smile lit up a room! She was such a gentle, kind, loving, caring soul that made everyone's life better for knowing her. Prayers, love, and light to all the family. -Jill Montegna

March 16 at 7:00 PM



Marcia Foglesong posted:

Thank you so much for your kind words, she will truly be missed!

March 15 at 7:00 PM



Marcia Foglesong posted:



March 15 at 7:00 PM



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TT

Tyrae Townzel Sr posted:

Sincerest condolences to the family, on the loss of this beautiful angel, Mica. God was ready to bring her home, as she fulfilled HIS will and touched, impacted, and lifted everyone around her. She will be truly missed but her lovingness and legacy shall remain forever. You will NEVER be forgotten. 1GOD 1LUV.

March 12 at 7:00 PM

JB

Judy Blanchette posted:

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Carmilla's family and friends. I became better acquainted with Carmilla during class reunions and she is one of the sweetest and loveliest persons I know. We will miss her. Judy Shanafelt Blanchette, Class of 1954

March 12 at 7:00 PM

JE

Julie Eckles posted:

So sorry to see this. Carmilla was such a wonderful lady. And so fun to be around. I will be keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers.

March 11 at 7:00 PM

LB

Lori Boland posted:

Sending love and prayers for comfort and peace many memories Love Lori Boland

March 10 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jake, Kayla, Don And Anika Sansom posted:

We are sorry for your loss. We know there aren't any words that will make you feel better at a time like this. But know that we are thinking of you

March 10 at 7:00 PM

VB

Vicki Butler posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers! We had some interesting conversations in ER and on the Ambulance.

March 9 at 7:00 PM



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JR

Jan Runde posted:

Carmilla was a sweet, gentle, loving soul. She showed me Mary & Jesus' silhouette in the moon.

March 9 at 7:00 PM

JD

Joy A. Davis posted:

She was a very special person

March 8 at 7:00 PM

SM

Shirley Morlan posted:

All are in my thoughts and prayers.

March 8 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Carmilla.



March 8 at 7:00 PM

KA

Kerri Ann posted:

Condolences to the family. 🙏🙏

March 8 at 7:00 PM

SS

Savanna Nicole Shuey posted:

She was such a sweet lady ♥ rest easy

March 8 at 7:00 PM

BH

Barb Halupnick posted:

So very sorry 🙏

March 8 at 7:00 PM



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LR

Lois Reynolds posted:

Our caring thoughts and prayers for all the family. A wonderful lady!!

March 8 at 7:00 PM

RC

Rich Cairns posted:

Prayers for the family

March 7 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Carmilla.

Dear Sharen, Sean, and Families. We are so sorry to learn about your Mom. She was such a beautiful and sweet lady, family. May your loving memories give you all peace.



March 7 at 7:00 PM

AK

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Carmilla Mae Kauzlarich posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

March 7 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carla McBride Cochran posted:

My condolences with thoughts and prayers for the family.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

KB

Kelly Murtaugh And Bobbi Burg posted:

Sharen and Sean, so sorry for your loss. We love you both!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

March 7 at 7:00 PM



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DH

Dan Howington posted:

Sending prayers for the family. I have had the honor of knowing her for over 40 years. RIP peace my friend!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

KC

Karen Kauzlarich Carel posted:

Sending prayers for the family. She was a great lady. Hugs

March 7 at 7:00 PM

RB

Rachael Butler posted:

She was one of the original St. Joseph Mercy gang!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

TC

Tara Campbell posted:

Sean I think of you two every single time I drive by your house ❤️ I'm so sorry

March 7 at 7:00 PM

KK

Kathy Kaster posted:

So sorry for your Loss Sean.Kathy Kaster

March 7 at 7:00 PM

JF

Jolene Susin Fadiga posted:

Condolences to her family ❤️

March 7 at 7:00 PM

KA

Kathy Ayres posted:

Prayers and condolences to family and friends

March 7 at 7:00 PM



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TD

Tony Deininger posted:

Very sorry for the family's loss! 🙏🙏

March 7 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sherry Henshaw posted:

She was a Great Nurse @ St. Joseph Hospital for many years. Sending my deepest sympathies to the families.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

CB

Cathy Butkovich posted:

A sweet friend, always! I miss you!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

CB

Cathy Butkovich posted:

Thoughts and prayers for the family!!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

PC

Pamela Young Curtis posted:

Prayers for the family .

March 7 at 7:00 PM

MA

Mackie Adams posted:

Sorry for your loss

March 7 at 7:00 PM

DP

Deb Peterson posted:

So sorry thoughts and prayers for her family

March 7 at 7:00 PM



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WW

Wilma Wilson posted:

So sorry for the families loss!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

BK

Brenda Knight posted:

I absolutely loved Carmilla. She was my mentor when I started working as an RN in 1987. We shared a lot of life stories & laughs together. There is just no one like her. I know she is in heaven. My deepest sympathies to family & friends. ❤️

March 7 at 7:00 PM

PA

Patty posted:

Carmilla always had a smile for me and she brightened my days every time I saw her. She was a wonderful human being and I am so glad I knew her. Carmilla will be missed.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jamiejaren Tubaugh posted:

She was an absolute favorite of ours!! Sending much love, sympathy and prayers.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

KK

Kris Koestner posted:

What a nice lady

March 7 at 7:00 PM

GH

Garydenise Howe posted:

Prayers for the family. Such a wonderful lady!

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SM

Susan Mcdanel posted:

So enjoyed our coffee times

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JZ

Jill Pefley Zintz posted:

Carmilla helped to train me as a nurse. She was very professional and kind - patients always came first. She was so confident. Take care Sean and Shari

March 7 at 7:00 PM

SS

Susan Sacco posted:

Sincere condolences 🙏

March 7 at 7:00 PM

PW

Pam Wells posted:

Thoughts & prayers for her family!!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

PS

Penny Wells Salladay posted:

Carmilla was the best!!! She taught me so much about nursing and about life. We had some good times together!! I am sure her and Shari Wyldes are running the show in heavens hospital! Sending love ❤️

March 7 at 7:00 PM

SH

Susie Houser posted:

Sean, I am so sorry to see this! Sending thoughts and prayers your way!

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Janice Houser Mcelvain posted:

She will be missed.

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Sherri Morlan posted:

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carmilla by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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