



Carolyn Peterson

November 20, 1952 - June 4, 2025

Carolyn Joan Peterson, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on June 4, 2025, at the age of 72. She was born on November 20, 1952, to Gene and Margaret Cochran in Des Moines, Iowa.

Carolyn dedicated 36 years of her career to the Universal Industries retiring in 2018 as General Manager.

Outside of her professional life, Carolyn had strong devotion to her family and cherished time with grandchildren Jaide and Reis. Carolyn had a passion for knitting. She found joy with the Bethlehem Knitting Group. She knitted hundreds of stocking caps yearly for elementary students in the Cedar Falls system. She also found solace and joy at their vacation home in Chetek, Wisconsin. These moments allowed her to connect with family and friends creating lasting memories with her loved ones.

In 1979, Carolyn married Tom Peterson, her best friend, and together they built a strong and enduring partnership that lasted for over five decades. Their love and commitment to each other served as an inspiration to all who knew them.

Carolyn's legacy will forever live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and colleagues. Her dedication to her work, her love for her family, and her zest for

life serve as an enduring example for us all. Carolyn will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Carolyn leaves behind a loving family that she cherished. She is survived by Tom, husband of more than 45 years, daughter Alana (Scott) Berger, and grandchildren Reis and Jaide. She is also survived by three brothers, Michael (Wendy) Cochran of Elgin, AZ, Rick (Kathy) Cochran and Kerry Cochran of Des Moines with whom she shared close bonds throughout her life.

A celebration of Carolyn's life will be held on Friday, June 13th from 4-7pm at the Richardson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cedar Valley Hospice in honor of Carolyn's memory.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Tom so sorry to hear about your wife, you are in my prayers Leo McGlynn

Leo McGlynn - June 11, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ Melanie Steensland purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carolyn Peterson.



Melanie Steensland - June 09, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Peterson.



June 09, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Peterson.

June 09, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Carolyn Peterson.*



June 09, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ *Tom, Alana & family
We are so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing! We are sending many hugs and prayers to all you as you rely on all your wonderful memories of her to keep you going!
Diane & Jerry Headington*

Diane Headington - June 07, 2025 at 12:34 PM



So sorry for your loss, deepest heartfelt sympathy. 🌸

judy Zunkel - June 11, 2025 at 03:41 AM



Tom I'm so sorry for your loss. I did not know your wife, but they say "birds of a feather flock together" you are a good man and I'm sure she was a wonderful and graceful lady.

Steve "Andy" Anderson - June 13, 2025 at 10:36 AM

BP

“ 8 files added to the album Peterson and Plakke Memories



Bruce Plakke - June 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

BP

“ Dear Tom and Alana,
We cherish the visits the past week we could spend with Carolyn and you. Our hearts grieve for the loss of Carolyn. We cherish our long friendship. We have fond memories of the road trips to watch our girls in BB, the backyard bonfires and times at the lake. We had many laughs sharing meals, good times, gaming and tailgating before football games. we are thankful to have had Carolyn's kindnesses, and she will be greatly missed.
With much love, Bruce and Linda Plakke

Bruce Plakke - June 06, 2025 at 08:10 PM

CD

“ Tom, Alana and family -- I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending love, strength, and prayers during this incredibly difficult time.
Cary Darrah

Cary Darrah - June 06, 2025 at 02:36 PM

KE

“ Tom, Alana, and family,

We feel blessed to have been able to have been with Carolyn during this past week. We have so many wonderful times together with you two over the years to reflect on. Your trips visiting us at the beach and us finally making it to the lake are two of our favorites, but then, again, all of our times together were special.

We continue our prayers for all of you.

Janet & Kevin

Kevin - June 06, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AH

I am so sad to learn of Carolyn's passing. She was a very special person and a wonderful friend. She will always hold a special place in my heart and be forever loved and remembered. Peace and love to all who knew and loved Carolyn

Amy Hoyer - June 06, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BF

“ Dear Tom, Alana and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. May all of the good memories shared with Carolyn help you through this difficult time.

Bruce and Terry Forystek

Bruce and Terry Forystek - June 05, 2025 at 10:57 PM

NH

“ Tom and family. *I am so sorry to learn of the death of Carolyn. You are in my heart with love and sympathy.*

Noreen

Noreens Hermansen - June 05, 2025 at 06:42 PM