



Carolyn Palmer Reynolds

October 14, 1932 - July 1, 2023

Carolyn (Mema) Palmer Reynolds, 90, of West Hartford, beloved widow of Robert (Pepa) Thompson Reynolds, died peacefully at home on Saturday, July 1, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Hartford on October 14, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Howard E. and Viola Rice Palmer. Carolyn graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford and attended Endicott College. She retired after a career supporting her husband at Robert T. Reynolds & Associates, Inc. Her love for her family, friends, and bridge kept her active up thru her recent illness. She created a family home, full of fun and love, which centered Mema and Pepa's large extended family. Active in the community, she was a member of the Town & County Club in Hartford, CT where she enjoyed managing bus trips to shows in NYC and weekly bridge get togethers. Carolyn had a knack for embracing her extended "family" with her smile, humor and generosity. The impact Carolyn made on her community is evident in everyone she touched and she lives on in the lessons learned from her shining example of how to embrace and live life to the fullest, with kindness for all. Her home was the center for most family holiday celebrations, birthday pool parties for her grandchildren and their friends, bridge/poker nights for the gals, and so much more. It was at these festivities where Carolyn shared her gifts with the world. No matter how large the gathering, she ensured everyone in attendance felt they were the most special person in the room. It was simply her nature to welcome and host with love, thoughtfulness, and intention. She is survived by and has been supportive of

her six children; daughters Debbie Crowne, Karen Kalbacher and her husband John, Susan Reynolds (pre-deceased), Debby Mason and her husband John, Mark Reynolds and his wife Barbara, Thomas Reynolds and his wife Debbie. Her thirteen grandchildren; Jesse and Sam Crowne, Nick Allen and his brothers, Brett and Jeff Kalbacher, Andrew and Benjamin Hale, Jesse and Malcolm Brown and their sister Sophie Mason, Andrew, Zachary, Matthew, and Katie Reynolds. She was thrilled by the addition of six great grandchildren; Maddox and Julian Crowne, Hadley, Marin, Huck, and Wes Brown. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. There will be no calling hours and burial is private. Arrangements are being handled by Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I grew up living next door to Carolyn (or Mrs. Reynolds as I called her from age 4, much to her protest as I got older and our families grew closer). She was the kindest, sweetest, most giving neighbor and family friend, always inviting my siblings and me to swim in her pool and offering fresh fruit and veggies from her garden or lunch on her patio. She and my late father were very fond of each other and had a neighborly camaraderie one could only hope for. The banter was always light yet meaningful and they looked after each other's properties as if they were their own. Carolyn reminded me how wonderful he was and how much he meant to her with tears in her eyes each time I saw her after his passing. I would then remind her how much he loved her and how large of a role she plays in my memories of living on that street. Though our visits were far less frequent in the past decade (I moved away in 2010), Carolyn always supported my career and achievements and made me feel like I had a cheerleader on the sidelines, no matter where life lead us. In the end though, she is the one who deserves (and has) all the cheerleaders in the world. My deepest condolences go to her family and friends. What a beautiful human Mrs. Reynolds was and always will be to those who knew her. I can only hope she knew just how wonderful she really was.

Alita Moses - August 03, 2023 at 07:49 AM

DO

“ Dear Karen and Family,

My deepest condolences on the loss of beautiful Carolyn! I worked with Carolyn in the early 1980s and witnessed the love and care that she and Bob brought to home, family, and everyone they interacted with! Carolyn was so loving, upbeat, and engaging. My prayers are with you.

Doreen (Rogers) Oshinskie

Doreen R. Oshinskie - August 01, 2023 at 02:56 PM

MD

“ Tom and Family,
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss.

Sincerely, Michael DeConti

Michael DeConti - July 26, 2023 at 05:53 AM

PE

“ *My deepest, deepest sympathy goes out to the family. My heart is broken on the loss of such a special lady. I may not have known her as long as others but in my 10 years of living across the street from her we shared a great friendship. I'll miss the light on in the den every morning as she was on her computer, her walking outside when she saw me outside, watching her mow the lawn every week, which would remind me to do the same, our dinners at Ocho's, her always having a dog biscuit for all the dogs that passed by or on the walks we took everyday during Covid., etc. She was one of a kind and I was blessed to have known her❤️ Pam*

Pam Ellavsky - July 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

LK

“ We were so saddened to learn of the passing of such an incredibly kind, thoughtful, sweet, lady. She always made you feel like you were so special anytime you came to her home. How wonderful you were able to all be together for Mema's 90th birthday celebration. You are in our thoughts and prayers..

Larry & Michele Siegel & Bruce K. - July 11, 2023 at 12:19 AM

EL

“ I was very sorry to see this. Our family moved in across the street on Hyde Rd. And enjoyed Carolyn and our chats. She was a Sweet lady. My husband was sick and she and one of her sons rescued my Jeff from a fall in the snow when he was doing something he knew he should not have been doing. Which he was not telling me about until Carolyn called to check on him. I was not very happy with Jeff but so grateful to have such a wonderful neighbor and friend. May she rest in peace a life well lived she will be missed.

Ellen - July 09, 2023 at 09:00 AM

PH

“ I only knew Carolyn through bridge. She was a good bridge player which she never gave herself credit for. She was one of the sweetest, nicest person that I had the pleasure of meeting. She will be sorely missed by all her bridge friends. I wish to express my deepest sympathy to her family. Pat Haran

Pat Haran - July 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM