

James Leonard Carlson

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Hennepin County, MN



James Leonard Carlson was born May 5, 1943 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, IL to Charlotte (Valentine) and Harry Leonard Carlson. He was confirmed at Rockford's Zion Lutheran Church.

James attended PR Walker Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School, and, in 1961, he graduated from West Rockford High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Minnesota's Metropolitan State University and his Master's degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. James served two years in the United States Navy on the USS Essex.

He shares two daughters, Deborah and Denise, with Janice Jacobson whom he married in 1965. While working on a licensed ministry program, in 1994, he married EvaLyn Carlson, who worked with him in the Intentional Interim Ministry for the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ.

James was predeceased by his father, Harry; sister-in-law, Nancy Doolen; and aunt, Vivian Valentine. Carrying on his legacy of love are his wife, EvaLyn; daughters, Deborah (Kristopher) Spiesz of Minneapolis and Denise Carlson of Bloomington; sons, Jay (Billi) Carlson of Grand Marais, MN and Todd (Michelle) Carlson of St. Joseph, MN; mother, Charlotte Carlson, of North Ft. Myers, FL; sister, Marianne (Roger) Minns of Rockford; and 12 grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Lake Harriet Christian Church, 5009 Beard Ave. S., Edina. 763-535-4112. Memorials may be made to the Christian Church of the Upper Midwest Licensed Ministry Program.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Kapala-Glodek-Malone Funeral Home in St. Hope, MN, (763) 535-4112

Reference:

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