



Carol Louise Bloom

February 1, 1940 - February 2, 2023

Carol Louise Bloom, 83, of Sarasota, Florida and formerly of Villa Grove, Illinois died peacefully Thursday, February 2, 2023, in Sarasota, Florida.

She was born February 1, 1940, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania and grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Following her high school graduation, Carol enrolled at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. While attending Kansas State University she met John L. Bloom, Sr. and they were married from 1960 to 1969.

Her career started as a legal secretary and later she worked at the University of Illinois for the Veteran's Affairs Office where she retired in 1981. As a devout Christian, Carol also grew more interested in her Jewish heritage. She traveled to Israel multiple times and lived there as well. After returning to the United States, she served various churches and educated congregations on the significance of the religious feasts of Israel facilitating Passover Seder's and other celebrations for Christian observation. She moved to Sarasota in 1984 to live and attend to her aging parents in Sarasota, Florida.

During that time, she pursued a nursing degree in 1987 and used her medical training to become a missionary in Roatan, Honduras. For many years she shared her love of Christ by caring for the sick by starting a health clinic for the locals.

Carol is survived by her two children and their spouses, John L. Bloom, Jr. and his wife Delores of Plainfield, Indiana, and Cathrene L. Gutshall and her husband Kevin, of Falls City, Nebraska. Seven grandchildren, Alexander Bragg, Andrea (Nathan) Hawkins, Zechariah Bragg, Joshua (Crystal) Bloom, Suzie Carpenter, Jacob (Lisa) Gutshall and Kayrin (Troy) Vincent and five great grandchildren. Adoptive son Gyan (Savita) Prakash and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Francis F. and Rose B. (O'Neill) Gebhard, and sister Barbara Williams, all of Sarasota, Florida.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday, February 7th, 2pm until 4pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chaple, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, at 4pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chaple, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Service may be viewed on Zoom at: <https://Dell.zoom.us/j/4126085497>

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Carol's name to your charity of choice.

If you would like to send flower's please send flower's or plant's that can be planted after the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the family on your loss of a lovely, compassionate lady. May she and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.* ”

Larry & Rose Kehoe - February 06, 2023 at 02:55 PM

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“ *Dear cousin and friend. Always by my side with my mom and dads passing. Hope to come Tuesday but, no time listed.* ”

Diane harrison - February 05, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Louise Bloom.* ”



February 05, 2023 at 09:58 AM