

Carol Lorraine Engel was born on August 19, 1948, to Carl and Lorraine Swanson in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. She was raised in Chippewa Falls and graduated from Chippewa Falls High School in 1966.

After high school, Carol moved to Minneapolis and worked at Munsingwear. It was later, while working at Honeywell in St. Louis Park, that she met the love of her life, Loren “Bruce” Engel. They were married in 1969 and shared more than 51 years together. In 1973, they moved to Hanley Falls, Minnesota, where they built their home and raised their three children.

Throughout her working years, Carol served as the secretary at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church and was also employed by North Star Mutual Insurance, Unger’s Furniture, and later as a kitchen aide at Granite Falls Hospital. She was known for her strong work ethic, warm personality, and caring nature.

Carol was an active member of Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church, Homemakers, Study Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, City Council, Garden Club, Red Hats, Quilting Club, and WELCA. Through these organizations, she formed many lifelong friendships.

Family was the center of Carol’s life. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends. She cherished the many cats she owned throughout the years and always had a soft spot for her children’s and grandchildren’s dogs. She enjoyed Sunday drives through the countryside, trips to Duluth and Northern Wisconsin, and gathering with family for holidays, celebrations, and everyday moments.

In 2020, Carol and Bruce celebrated 51 years of marriage before Bruce’s passing later that year.

On July 6, 2026, Carol passed away peacefully at the age of 77 after a long and courageous journey with dementia. Carol will be remembered for her kindness, love of family, and the many friendships she made throughout her life.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Lorraine Swanson, and her husband, Loren “Bruce” Engel, in 2020.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Karla (Mark) Humbeutel; sons, Scott (Paul Hebert) Engel and Matthew Engel; grandchildren, Madeline (John) Van Driel and Maxwell Humbeutel; brother, Robert “Bob” (Carol) Swanson; her brothers and sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

In Loving
MEMORY

Carol Lorraine Engel
AUGUST 19, 1948 ✠ JULY 6, 2026

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

In Memory of

Carol Lorraine Engel

August 19, 1948



July 6, 2026

Memorial Service

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

Hanley Falls, Minnesota

Friday, July 10th, 2026

11 AM

Officiant

Gwen Arneson

Organist

Colleen Hewitt

Soloist

Annette Sharkey

Interment

Yellow Medicine Lutheran East Cemetery

Hanley Falls, MN

Arrangements—J.H. Lynner Funeral Home, Clarkfield, Since 1891