

Carolee Wise, 47, was tragically taken from us far too soon, leaving behind a lasting memory of love, kindness, and selflessness. Carolee was born on March 27, 1979, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was called home on April 27, 2026. She moved to Emmetsburg in 1991, where she built a life filled with deep connections, friendship, and community. She graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1997 and went on to earn her degree from Iowa Lakes Community College.

She dedicated nearly 30 years of her life to the healthcare field, most recently serving at Kossuth Regional Health Center. Through her work, Carolee touched countless lives with her compassion, dedication, and genuine care for others. Her career reflected exactly who she was; selfless, giving, and always there when someone needed support.

Family meant everything to Carolee. She is survived by her loving parents, Mike and Bernie Wise of Emmetsburg; her sister Chris Nelson (Jeremiah) of Cedar Rapids and her children Aaron (Maggie), Marcus (Molly), and Abigail (Ryan) Nelson; her brother Daniel (Amber) Wise of Emmetsburg and his daughters Shaylee and Myah Wise; and her sister Caitlin Worel (Wesley) of Cushing, Minnesota, along with their children Emma and Reed Worel. She is also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews Bobbi, Charlie, and Isaac Wise of Emmetsburg.

She also shared a special bond with her beloved dogs, Stella and Storm, who were truly her babies and brought her endless comfort and companionship.

Carolee found happiness in the moments that mattered most, time with loved ones, warm days on the water, and life's simple pleasures. She enjoyed football, sushi, and a good thrift shopping find, always appreciating the little things that made life feel full!

She had a true love for cooking and bringing people together around food. She will be especially remembered for her potato salad and ham balls; simple things that became meaningful traditions because of the care and love she put into them.

Above all, Carolee will be remembered for her kind and nonjudgmental heart. She had a way of making people feel accepted and cared for just as they were. She was someone who naturally put others first, always ready to help, to listen, or to give whatever she could to make someone else's day a little easier.

Though her time here was far too short, the love she gave so freely will continue to live within the many lives she touched.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon following the service at the church.

In Loving Memory of Carolee Marie Wise

March 27, 1979

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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April 27, 2026

Algona, Iowa

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

11:30 AM Saturday, May 23, 2026

Holy Family Catholic Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Celebrant - Fr. Paul Kelly

MUSIC

Athlyn Black - Organist

Holy Family Catholic Choir

"On Eagles Wings" - "Amazing Grace"

"Be Not Afraid" - "Ave Maria"

READER

Dan Montag

GIFT BEARERS

Jodi Delang - Jill Kinsman

HONORARY URN BEARER

Emma Worel

URN BEARERS

Aaron Nelson - Abby Nelson - Marcus Nelson

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Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home
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