

Catherine “Cathy” Marie Gronfield was born March 30, 1955, in Graceville, MN, to Martin and Delores (Sullivan) Carlson. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. Cathy attended public school in Graceville and graduated in 1973. She went on to pursue higher education at the University of Minnesota where she earned a bachelor’s degree in business management.



Cathy’s professional career in logistics, information technology, and sales culminated with International Business Machines (IBM) in the Twin Cities and Arkansas. In addition to her corporate career, Cathy was deeply committed to her faith and was proud to become an ordained minister. Her ministry work took her to the Philippines, as well as to various inner-city and international missions.

Cathy had a deep love of animals, including her dogs, but particularly her horses. She thoroughly enjoyed dressage competition, riding clubs, and horse shows. She found immense peace and joy in nature with gardening as one of her favorite pastimes. She took pride in cultivating flowers, vegetables, and herbs. She found joy in feeding and watching birds, collecting art, and enjoying fine cuisine.

After retiring from IBM in 2017, Cathy dedicated herself to her ministry. She was active in numerous church groups throughout her life. In 2020, she moved back to west central Minnesota to be close with family. This move allowed her to form even stronger bonds with her loved ones, which she cherished deeply. Cathy found great comfort in spending time with family and friends, something she felt missing during her time in the cities. Cathy’s life was marked by a natural charm full of a grace, sophistication and elegance that was uniquely hers.

She is survived by siblings: Barb (Rick) Beyer of Alexandria, MN; Larry Carlson of Wheaton, MN; Mary Jo Stueve (Brian Shishnia) of Aberdeen, SD; Sally (Kevin) Corbett of Ottertail, MN; Carol (Chuck) Bauer of Graceville, MN; and Bonnie (Steve) Maas of Clinton, MN; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and step-father Delores and Marshall Miller, father and step-mother Martin “Punk” and Virginia “Ginger” Carlson; and three brothers: Dale, Mark, and Bruce.

## In Loving Memory of

# Cathy Carlson Gronfield

### WHO WAS BORN

March 30, 1955  
Graceville, Minnesota

### AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

March 26, 2025  
Graceville, Minnesota

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, March 31, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.  
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Chapel  
Graceville, Minnesota

### CLERGY

Pastor Tom Fangmeier

### MUSIC

Jacob Bauer, Pianist

### SPECIAL SONGS

“In The Garden” - Alan Jackson  
“Amazing Grace” - Chris Tomlin  
“The Blessings” - Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes

### READERS

Sam Bauer | Carol Bauer | Barb Beyer

### CASKET BEARERS

Jason Rowland | Brandon Rowland | Kirk Stueve | Brady Stueve  
Ben Waskosky | Michael Carlson | Matt Carlson  
Maxwell Bauer | Jacob Bauer | Sam Bauer | Landon Stallman

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Samantha Tosse | Jennifer Arndt | Donna Stueve  
Sherry Nowlin | Karry Hedman | Mary Fandrich  
Tanya Reiter | Angela Chichester | Ashley Heinitsh | Elizabeth Haugen

### INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery  
Graceville, Minnesota

### APPRECIATION

Cathy’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the burial, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the Graceville Community Center.

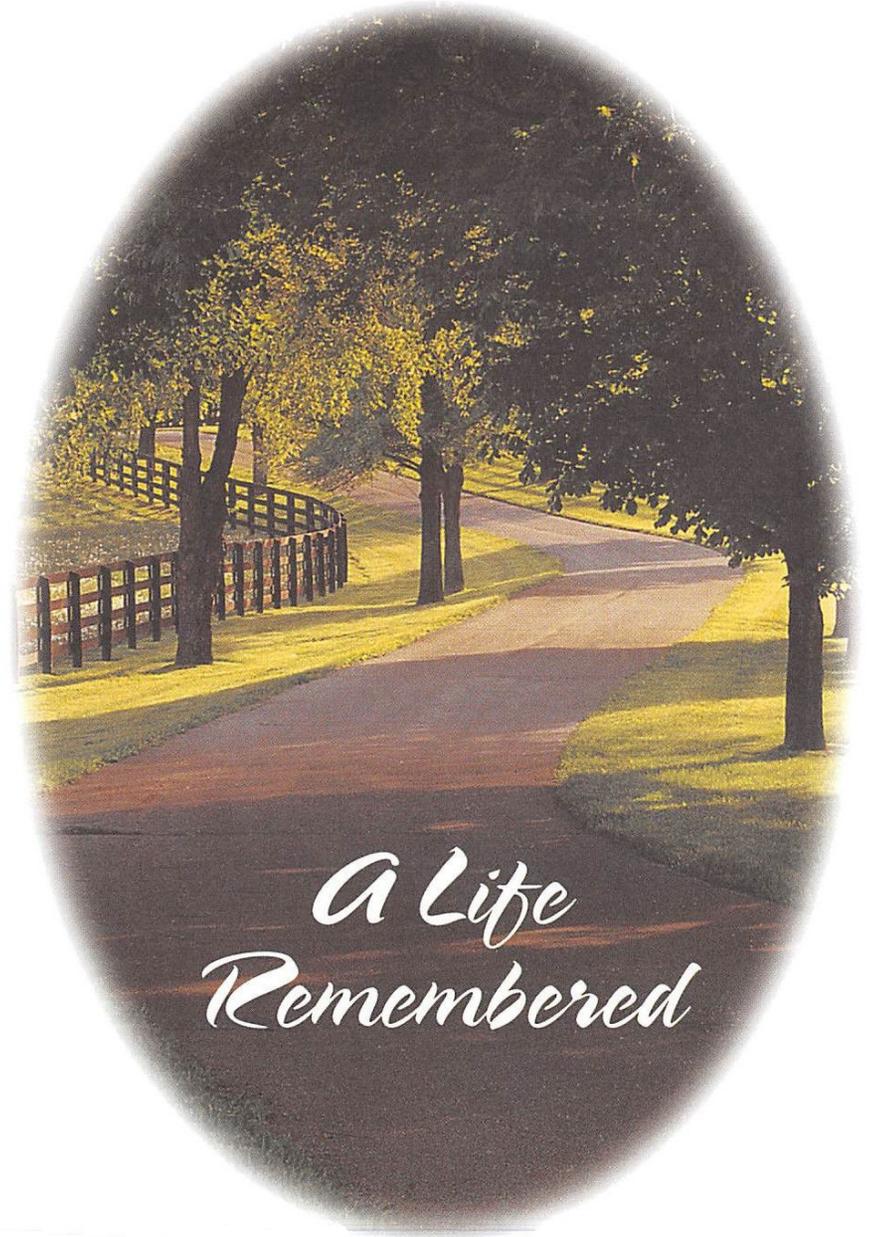


# A Rose Once Grew

*A rose once grew where all could see,  
Sheltered beside a garden wall.  
And, as the days passed swiftly by,  
It spread it's branches, straight and tall ...  
One day, a beam of light shone through  
A crevice that had opened wide  
The rose bent gently towards its warmth  
Then passed beyond to the other side...  
Now, you who deeply feel its loss,  
Be comforted – the rose blooms there –  
Its beauty even greater now,  
Nurtured by God's own loving care.*



Please use this QR code to access  
Cathy's online guestbook.



*A Life  
Remembered*