



Carla Jo James

January 11, 1963 - April 7, 2020

Carla Jo James, age 57, of Glidden unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at her home in Glidden.

A Private Family Funeral Service will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll on Monday, April 13, 2020. Fr. Patrick Behm of St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll will preside. Casket Bearers will be Carla's family. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham.

A Live Stream Broadcast and recording of Carla's service can be found by visiting the Sharp Funeral Home Carroll, Iowa YouTube Channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqd2eeRJK5RTdEJoEooUoAQ>. An Icon on that page will be available by 10:55 a.m. Monday.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Carla James Memorial Fund to be used towards later memorial designations. Those wishing to mail their memorial may direct it to: Carla James Memorial c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th Street, Carroll, IA 51401.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Carla's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Carla Jo, the daughter of Charles and Cleo (Dirkx) Wiskus was born January 11, 1963 at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll, Iowa. Carla lived on her parent's farm Southeast of Dedham until 1973 then moved with her family to a farm Northeast of Exira. Carla graduated from Exira High School in 1981. She then graduated from DMACC and Iowa Western Community Colleges where she majored in special needs children and sign language. Her career included over 25 years of special education and sign language at Humboldt, Carroll, and Glidden Community School Districts. She spent her entire life working with children with special needs of some degree. She had a big heart and always loved each child she helped.

She married David James on September 27, 1991. To this union two children were born: Christopher and Danika Jo. She loved watching her son in his sporting activities, She was proud of every one of his accomplishments. She loved her sports, especially football, following the Carroll Tigers, Iowa Hawkeyes, The Dallas Cowboys, and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Carla also loved her family and friends. She loved her nieces and nephews like her own, always to spoil them with her exceptional baked goods. (The favorite was always her chocolate chip cookies) She always was there to lend a helping hand, never to ask for anything in return. Carla was a member of St. John Paul II Parish- Holy Spirit in Carroll.

Carla is survived by her husband David James of Glidden; their son: Christopher James of Ames; her mother Cleo Wiskus of Exira; siblings: Crista Wiskus of Atlantic, Cindy Cleaver and her husband Mike of Waukee, and Carrie Tate and her husband Jeremy of Beatrice, Nebraska; sisters-in-law: Leanne Wiskus of Exira; Cathy James of Omaha; brothers-in-law: Robbie James of Omaha, Allen James of Council Bluffs; and father-in-law: Robert James of Fontanelle; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Preceding her in heavenly life is her daughter Danika James; her father Charles Wiskus; brothers, Christopher Wiskus and Craig Wiskus; her mother-in-law: Benna James; and a nephew: Matthew Sunberg.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Sharp Funeral Home - April 08 at 12:01 PM



“ Carla was my son Wyatt's TA teacher. She was a great person and will be missed by all who's lives she touched. She would write notes to me on how their school day was and truly cared about all the kids she worked with.

Gail Peters - April 08 at 08:02 PM



“ Marilyn Holdsworth lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



Marilyn Holdsworth - April 13 at 05:33 PM



“ I have known Carla and her wonderful family through Iowa SIDS and she has always been a great person to know. Very caring and always sharing her time and energy with the Iowa SIDS Walk that is held every year. I am very sad about this news and want to extend my sympathies to the entire family. Take care.



Deb Kozel - April 12 at 09:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carla Jo James.



April 12 at 12:09 AM



“ My heart goes out to the James and Wiskus families. I knew Carla through Crista during our high school and college years. Carla had a big and kind heart, full of passions. You all are in my thoughts, especially you Crista. \./

Kim Davis - April 11 at 07:40 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carla's family. She was a beautiful person and loved by many. Larry and Mary Swenson



Mary Swenson - April 09 at 12:47 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Carla's passing! She was a sweet person! I'm forever going to miss her

Kara Hubbard

Kara - April 11 at 06:32 PM



“ To Dave & Chris & the rest of Carla's family....Our sincere sympathy to all of you on you loss...My husband John works for carroll comm. school & was from anita iowa & got to know carla from there & enjoyed talking to her .Every 4th of july we went to exira for the parade & sat on main street close to carla"s moms house & always ran into her & enjoyed our visit...We will miss not seeing her on the 4th...She had the love of God in her heart....We will keep you in out thoughts & prayers..John & Kris Jorgensen....

John Jorgensen - April 09 at 11:33 AM



“ Carla and I were friends from the time our families moved to Exira the same year. The 2 new girls. I will miss seeing you over the 4th of July, always able to pick up where we left off. You will be missed by many. Cleo, and family.... I can't express how sorry I am for you all. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope you find some comfort in all the wonderful things everyone who knew beautiful, Carla are saying about her. Heaven gained another wonderful Angel! Sincerely, Diane Munch

Diane Munch - April 09 at 11:10 AM



“ I knew Carla for 20 plus years. She was my sign language interpreter since I was a little girl at Glidden Ralston School til high school in Carroll. Carla taught me how to sign, read lips and even help me with my speech. We have spent a lot of time together and she treated me like her own. We have done so much together, we went to Washington DC for school, she was there at my girl scout, CCD for church on Wednesday after school, and she was there at all my sports in Glidden and Carroll. When I went to Iowa school for the deaf, she traveled with my dad to watch me play sports. During the summer, I would go over to her house when I was younger and she would help me with sign language and other fun activities. Carla has gone above and beyond helping me and being there for me. She's my best friend and to me, she's family. I love her so much and she will be missed dearly.

Brittany Jo - April 08 at 10:41 PM



“ Carla was a huge part of my life during my school years. She was my interpreter when I attended Carroll Middle School and Carroll High School. At the time, I did not find any authority figures to be pleasant to work with, but looking back, I know that Carla was a huge positive influence in my current success. Without her dedication to others, many would not be where they are now. One of my favorite memories was going to the outdoor camp, and watching her traverse the snowy hills and crossing the river on a fallen tree, all while she was around 6 months pregnant. I also remember meeting Carla's son, Christopher as a baby. He was in a high chair and kept throwing the napkin on the floor. I wanted to be polite and pick it up for him, and he kept throwing it back on the floor while Carla laughed at my awkwardness. I remember when Danika passed away, and Carla was truly heartbroken. She pressed on despite her struggles and worked hard to provide the access to the education that I needed. Carla was a beautiful soul, and I'll always remember her as someone who cared about others and always had a smile for everyone. My condolences to her family and friends.

Heather (Swenson) Arazi - April 08 at 07:30 PM



“ Carla was an inspiration to me. A kind-hearted, loving soul who set the bar at striving to do her best in all she did. Carla sought to make the day brighter for others and took the time to do special things, even during busy times. She will be missed every day by so many. God's blessings of loving memories and comfort to all her family and dear ones.

Carol Crampton - April 08 at 06:05 PM



“ KIM RIESELMAN lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



KIM RIESELMAN - April 08 at 05:33 PM



“ The Carroll Athletic Department would like to offer our sympathies on your loss. Carla was always willing to help us out with score keeping for middle school and high school sporting events, she will be truly missed.

Randy and Joyce - April 08 at 05:29 PM



“ Cleo, David, Chris and the rest of your families, We are so sorry to here of your loss. She will be missed greatly by all of us. The loss of someone so young and so sudden is heartbreaking. May you all know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace as she flies high on angel wings.

The Meiners Families

Janet Meiners, Lisa, Randy and families, Lori and family, Scott and Walter, Jodi and family

Jodi Meiners - April 08 at 04:49 PM



“ Carla and I were classmates and played sports together. I will always remember her kind nature and beautiful brown eyes. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word , as well as a great sense of humor. She left a wonderful legacy through her son and also all of the children she helped over the years. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Randy and Becky Thompson - April 08 at 04:39 PM



“ Malena Sothman lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



Malena Sothman - April 08 at 04:15 PM



“ Dave, Chris and family - Rod and I are very sorry to hear of Carla's passing! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!!

Malena Sothman - April 09 at 01:25 PM



“ Jean Kelso lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



Jean Kelso - April 08 at 04:00 PM



“ Jean And Alison Weber lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



Jean and Alison Weber - April 08 at 03:42 PM



“ My children and I are so deeply sorry for your loss. Carla has a true heart of gold and was always thinking of others. She holds a special place in our hearts and we are so sorry for your loss.

Jennifer Jeschke - April 08 at 04:08 PM



“ Carla went above and beyond every day for her students. She was always there early and put in so much thought, love, and effort into what was not just a job but her way of life: helping others. She loved her family and spoke of them often. I feel blessed to have known her for the brief time I did this year at CMS and hope to remember and follow her example. Peace unto you, Carla James.

Jennifer Holm - April 08 at 03:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to David, Chris and Carla's Family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Dave and Carol Danner

Carol Danner - April 08 at 02:59 PM



“ I worked with Carla at CMS several years ago. She was always willing to assist wherever she was needed and talked about her son, Chris with pride. Keeping all of Carla's family in our thoughts and prayers. Lois



Lois and Glenn Dentlinger - April 08 at 02:26 PM



“ Oh sweet Carla, my heart. You were always there with a helping hand and a smile. We'll miss you greatly

Britni Hubbard - April 08 at 02:11 PM



“ Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Carla Jo James



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - April 08 at 01:40 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paulette McHugh - April 08 at 01:31 PM



“ I'm simply heartbroken over the loss of my best friend.... SO MANY good time & memories over the years..I LOVE YOU Carla.

Sending prayers to the family for strength & comfort now and in the days ahead!

RIP my beautiful friend

Paulette McHugh - April 08 at 01:39 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter, Cleo. What a sudden shock. I'm praying for you Dear as this is terrible. Bless you. Old neighbor, Loryce

Loryce Patterson - April 11 at 09:30 PM



“ Carla and Chris, I took the opportunity this morning to watch the live stream broadcast of Carla's service. I want to express to you my sincere sympathy for the passing of your wife/mother, Carla. Please know you continue to be in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. I was on staff with Carla at CMS for many years! I am blessed to have known her!

Alan Loew

Alan Loew - April 13 at 01:36 PM



“ Dave and Chris,

Alan Loew - April 13 at 01:38 PM



“ Such a beautiful woman gone way too soon. Carla was so friendly to everyone! I am so glad I got to know her. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.

Robyn Lane

Robyn Lane - April 08 at 12:36 PM