



Carol Lamie-Castongia

March 16, 1943 - February 13, 2024

Carol Lamie-Castongia passed away peacefully on February 13, 2024. She leaves behind the entire city of Bradley, a legacy of unconditional love, and an ocean of friends and family who will miss her dearly.

Born in Momence, Illinois in the middle of World War Two, Carol moved to Bradley in the early 1970s. Immediately a staple of the street, all in the neighborhood remember her unlocked door, big smile, and dinner bell that chimed for blocks.

A pillar of the community, she was a PTA President, Bradley Lions President, BB Wrestling Club Foundational Member, and too many other titles than she'd ever think matter.

Carol's life was spent helping the next generation. A mother of six, she still had room for more. As a foster parent, Carol kept open arms for any little one in need. Locally, most know her as a pinnacle home daycare for four decades of children.

Carol considered her "babysitting kids" to be family. A generational talent, she took special joy in caring for the children of the children she previously watched. Thousands of youngsters spent time in her house, learning and growing. They likely remember her room-filling belly laugh, endless Kool-Aid,

and wide-open heart.

She refused to change her phone number in case any of her “kids” reached out and needed aid. “They all know that number,” she’d say, ready to help at a moment’s notice.

Carol did not drive. But she was the first call for many who needed a ride. Because she was the type you called first when stranded. The purest testament to the trust she created in all those who crossed her path. A helper of helpers.

She will remain forever in the hearts of all her kids, including great grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and grandchildren who she adored beyond understanding: Ellie Roby (Ken), Danny Richardson (Kelsey), Paul Richardson (Kyle Hopkins), Emily Tapscott (Charlie), Larry Lamie III, Allie Eshleman (Brad), Tami Schweigert (Brad), Justine Tollefson (Donny), Courtney Weigand, Cameron Lamie, Mason Weigand, Colin Lamie (Megan), and Gavin Lamie. Step-grandchildren Megan Russo (Alex), Nicole Gagnon, Coty Castongia, and Jacey Meredith.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband Larry Lamie, husband Kenny Castongia, Daughter Brenda Richardson (Skip), and Daughter-in-Law Aimee Lamie. She is survived by brother Raymond Simpson of Momence and children, Larry Lamie II, Pam Weigand (Mike), Jim Lamie (Gretchen), Kurt Lamie, and Frank/T Lamie, and stepchildren, Stefanie Meredith (Randy), Brad Castongia (Tiffany), and Brandi Jensen (Russel).

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee on Friday, February 16th from 3:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Services starting at 6:00pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

FEB 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Carol and all of her children when I taught 4th grade at Bradley. She was my room mom several years and even babysat for my own young daughter a few times. Carol was so happy, kind, giving, and a friend to all. I am very saddened by her passing and also the loss of your sister, Brenda. I didn't realize she had died several years ago. She was such a sweetheart too. I became acquainted with her when we worked at Bradley West. You are all in my prayers. Gloria LaGesse O'Connell.

Gloria LaGesse O'Connell - February 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM

LA

“ Carol was the most loving giving and kind person I ever knew. My years in Bradley were so enriched by having her for a neighbor and friend. This world will miss this truly wonderful lady. My sincere sympathy to her family.

Lora Arends - February 17, 2024 at 09:21 AM

MS

“ Carol was a sweet, caring, loving person. She would do anything for you. Prayers and thoughts to the entire family.



Michelle Sadler - February 16, 2024 at 01:30 PM

JB

Carol was the best neighbor we had we will always remember her kindness David david and Janice boucher

Janet Boucher - February 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JC

“ Joyce Clutz lit a candle in memory of Carol Lamie-Castongia



joyce clutz - February 16, 2024 at 02:20 AM

JC

a wonderful person

joyce clutz - February 16, 2024 at 02:21 AM

CS

“ Chris and Candy Schweizer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Lamie-Castongia.

Chris and Candy Schweizer - February 15, 2024 at 10:34 PM

CS

“ Chris and Candy Schweizer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Lamie-Castongia.



Chris and Candy Schweizer - February 15, 2024 at 10:34 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Carol Lamie-Castongia



Tom Mallaney - February 15, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carol Lamie-Castongia.*



February 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *The Simmons family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Lamie-Castongia.*



The Simmons family. - February 15, 2024 at 11:13 AM