



Lorraine Uecker-Carlson

May 14, 1943 - July 25, 2012

Lorraine Uecker-Carlson, 69, of Kensington, CT, died suddenly on 25 July 2012. She is survived by life-partner, Donald Carlson, daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Andrew Krupa of North Stonington, granddaughters, Laura Elfstrum and Makayla Keith, brother, Renard Maiuri, nieces, Sarah, Abra and Leah Maiuri, nephew, Adam Maiuri, and many cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Stella Maiuri, and her father James Jenerowitz. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Lorrie attended Avon High School, class of '61. Lorrie attended the Illinois Institute of Art where she was president of her sorority. After college, she married Otto Uecker, of Monroe, MI. The couple had one child. Upon separation, Lorrie moved back to Connecticut and founded the Tiffany Agency of Modeling in Hartford. This led to a career in television, first at CBS, where she produced *The Young People's Concert* at Lincoln Center, *King of the Gypsies*, and the Farrah Fawcett Wella Balsam commercials. She wrote, directed, produced and hosted the Miss World America Pageant. Lorrie started her own production company in 1978. She produced and wrote one of the first cable TV lifestyle shows, *The Good Life*. It was during her years as a TV producer that she met the love of her life, Donald Carlson. Lorrie left the big city in the mid-eighties to join Don in the antiques and Classic Car business. She opened Playhouse Antiques soon after, specializing in ephemera and antique car collectables. She and Don enjoyed a long life together sharing their love of antiques, fully realized when they purchased their 17c. homestead, a stop on the underground railroad. The couple lovingly

restoring the property, which became a showcase for their shared passion and Lorrie's talents with interior decorating and crafts. Lorrie loved giving tours at Christmas time, when she decorated each room in a different theme. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren. Lorrie loved caring for her gardens, where she spent many joyful afternoons entertaining friends and family. She was a superb chef and hostess. She loved solving crossword, cryptograms, and Sudoku puzzles. She especially loved spending time at the couples' summer cottage on the Cape. Lorrie was a gentle, strong, witty, intelligent, loving partner, mother, grandmother and sister. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services are Tuesday, 10 a.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be private. Calling hours are Monday 4 to 7p.m. and Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 a m at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Klingberg Centers, 370 Linwood St., New Britain, CT. 06052. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ I just want to thank all the people who shared memories of my mother, and for your support to our family. I am just reading your words now for the first time. We had no idea this page was here or written on in 2016 by everyone, 4 years after mom's passing.

Attempts to contact the Carlson funeral director regarding mom's death have been met with suspicion; with questions of me about why I would like to speak to him; and ultimately, with evasion. I was made to feel frightened and intimidated by your badgering of me. Why? AND why were all of these memories added on the same date: September 20, 2016? These testaments are direct witnesses to my mother's business with Don, and to her character. Why were they added 4 years later and all at once?

To those who wrote, my apologies for responding to this page so long after the fact. The family will be so happy to read your kind words. It is a huge comfort to me to read all your thoughts and memories. My mother was quite an incredible lady. She is dearly missed.

Tiffany Krupa - February 10, 2019 at 11:59 AM

PR

“ I think of Lori often and miss her. When I lived in Ct. we did things together often. We would plant and do things in her yard. Every year we would get things ready to go when her and Don would go to Hershey, Pa. She was such a good person and friend. She is deeply missed.

Patti R. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“Lori acted from her heart in all that she did. She was a real treasure to her family and friends, and losing her is to lose a piece of oneself. Life is indeed short and the most important part of life are the people in it. There are only a handful of people who come into your world and touch your life in a dramatic fashion. Some of the people are just flickers of LIGHT, during a LONG life, while others are a consistent glow for YEARS. For me Lori was a consistent glow. Lori and I were room mates in college, so there are so many incredible memories. We hardly got to see each other anymore, but when we would talk on the phone we would pick up where we left off so many years ago. I just talked to her several weeks ago and we talked about getting together again. That will be a special memory to me. Rather than grieving, I prefer to celebrate the life of a very special lady and friend. I am so blessed to have had Lori in my life. I hope your loving memories will sustain you at this most difficult time. My sympathy to you all.

Karen Hughes Lieberman

Karen Lieberman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“I remember Lori as a wonderful, kind person. When Patti and I used to clean the house in Kensington she would be chatting with us showing the antiques she would be selling on e bay. I have two Christmas ornaments she gave me that I still put on the tree every year. Our heart goes out to the family.

Peter and Andrea Hart - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *To Don, Tiff, and family,
I was so sorry to hear about Lori. My thoughts and prayers are
always with you.
Lori was such a special person, one I was close to. We had many
fun times together over the years. My love to all of you.
Patti*

Patricia Raineault - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear Donny;

Was sorry to hear of your loss. Marc and I send you our deepest
sympathy. Marc is back at Yale, he will see you when he's home.

Sincerely,
Pat Bordiere*

Patricia Bordiere - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Donnie, I am so very sorry for your loss. Remembering the years
that you both spent together...the laughter, the tears and the
wonderful memories will get you through this sad time. Lorrie will be
greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Diane Magee - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Don
We are so sorry to hear the news about Lorrie. She was a really
neat lady. We know that there will be a special place in all of our
hearts for her for a very long time. Hold dear the wonderful
memories. Love, Terry and Deb*

Terry and Deb Nelson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM