



## Carolyn Anderson

November 7, 1961 - March 7, 2025

Carolyn Anderson, 63, of La Plata, Maryland passed away in her home of natural causes on March 7, 2025.

Born November 7, 1961, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Victor and Anna Lepere. Carolyn was the youngest of five children in her family, raised in the small, coal-mining town of Minersville, PA.

She was educated in both Catholic and public schools in Minersville, where she graduated from Minersville High School in 1979. She was involved in many activities, including National Honor Society, Softball, church choir, and Cheerleading. Carolyn was Valedictorian of her graduating class.

Carolyn earned a Bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University in Education, and was a graduate of the inaugural Penn State Scholars Class of 1983. While attending Penn State, Carolyn was a dedicated and widely-respected Residential Assistant, a representative in Student Government, a member of the Golden Key Society, and enjoyed ice time with the Skating Club. She was a straight-A student, and graduated summa cum laude in Rehabilitation Education. It was there that she met Nils, the love of her life. Their time at Penn State was filled with long walks, pizza, backgammon, and working together on the same RA staff.

Carolyn and her husband, Nils, became engaged on graduation day, and they were married on November 19, 1983 at Penn State. Carolyn gave birth to three wonderful sons: Michael, David, and Nils James, and was a caring, loving, mother, nurturing their talents, being a fierce advocate for them, as well as keeping them in line! She raised her boys to be independent, achieving, caring, and loving men.

Possessing a radiant smile, a gentle warmth and wit, and great talent for listening, Carolyn made everyone feel welcome and at ease. Her Catholic faith was important in raising her children, instilling a strong faith in Christ, and faithful acts in their everyday lives, volunteering, giving and serving others in need.

Carolyn worked nights, and sometimes two jobs, as well as being a fulltime mom, to help make ends meet in a young, growing family while they resided in Springfield, PA from 1987 to 1996. She kept the house in order, inspired her children to succeed in school. She made every penny count, meticulously keeping financial records, religiously clipping coupons, and sacrificing personal amenities to save for her family's future. She handmade gifts for teachers, created hand-painted stencil border artwork in every room, crafted beautiful crewelwork Christmas ornaments, stockings, and other family decorations. She could always be found crocheting beautifully original design blankets and scarves for family, friends and strangers, especially to celebrate newborn babies and weddings.

When the family moved to La Plata, MD in 1996, Carolyn continued to dedicate her life to support her boys' scholastic and extracurricular endeavors as well as being a devoted and loving wife. Carolyn and Nils did everything together: raising their boys, maintaining a loving home, supporting family and Church, attending Penn State football games, and lovingly growing old together. A devout Catholic, she regularly attended Mass at St. Mary's

Catholic Church in Newport. Carolyn was active in the community and the Church, supporting social ministries and neighbors, helping maintain parish records, serving at the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, and volunteering for school functions. She continued working while living in La Plata, notably at Simpson's Store, the Maryland Pre-Release Unit in Charlotte Hall, and Southern Maryland Tri-County Energy Assistance.

Carolyn donated her time and talents to charitable causes such as Angel Baby Blankets, Locks of Love, and Meals on Wheels. She prayed the Rosary daily, possessing a heart of gold, the faith of a saint, and a love of the Catholic Mass and regularly receiving the Sacrament of Communion. Her health waned after contracting COVID and other ailments, but her devotion and love to her family and God remained strong. She continued her crocheting and crewelwork despite physical challenges, always delighting in the gift of giving. The birth of Carolyn's grandson brought her special joy and happiness. She treasured and relished every minute she spent with him, in person and through many regular FaceTime video calls.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her son, Michael, her parents, Anna and Victor Lepere, and her brothers Richard and Thomas Lepere.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Nils A. Anderson, two children: David C. Anderson and wife Carol, and Nils J. Anderson and wife Caselyn Shane; siblings: Victor Lepere and wife, Joy, David Lepere, and Mary Ann King and husband, Steve; Sister-In-Law Donna Schaefer; many other loving, caring nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her "sweet" grandson Michael Bruce Anderson.

A viewing for Carolyn will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at Raymond Funeral Service in La Plata, MD from 4 pm to 7 pm. A funeral Mass will be

held for Carolyn on March 18, 2025 at St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church from 10 am to 11 am where she will also be interred.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to the Charles County Scholarship Foundation in the name of Michael J. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, 5980 Radio Station Road, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646; or to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry at St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church, 11555 St Mary's Church Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

## Burial

MAR 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

# Tribute Wall



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



March 19, 2025 at 09:49 AM



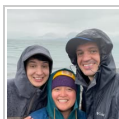
“ I was deeply saddened to hear about your mom's passing. I feel incredibly fortunate to have met her this past Thanksgiving and to have heard about her time as an RA in college. The story she shared about holding a couple of rascals accountable made me smile, and it was clear how much strength and warmth she had.

*I also remember how beautiful it was to see her and your dad reminiscing about the old days, laughing and smiling together. There was something so genuine in the way they shared those moments, and it's a memory I'll always cherish.*

*It also meant a lot to me that she got to meet my son, Theodore. I'll always be grateful for that moment and the kindness she shared with him.*

*Please know I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts during this difficult time. If there's anything you need, I'm here for you.*

**Audrey Leiker** - March 16, 2025 at 09:48 PM



*Thank you Audrey. My mom was a tough customer when she needed to be, but also was a soothing and loving presence for children. -David*

**David Anderson** - March 25, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



March 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Anderson.

March 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



March 14, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Moss family and Marasigan Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



**Moss family and Marasigan Family** - March 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MF

“ Moss family and Marasigan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Anderson.

Moss family and Marasigan Family - March 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CM

“ The Marasigan and Bowman families were so blessed to have Carolyn visit us in Alaska last November. Such a beautiful woman and gone from us too soon. Our sincere condolences to the Anderson family, our hearts and prayers are with you.

Christine Marasigan - March 14, 2025 at 05:05 PM

MF

“ Marasigan & Bowman Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



Marasigan & Bowman Families - March 14, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MF

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Marasigan & Bowman Families - March 14, 2025 at 05:01 PM

AI

“ Carolyn was a childhood friend of mine. Although it's been many, many years since we last communicated, her smile and sweet personality are a treasured memory. May God grant her eternal rest.



Anita Ochs Imschweiler - March 14, 2025 at 04:37 PM

CK

“ Cousin Bruce Kuhrt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



Cousin Bruce Kuhrt - March 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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Cousin Bruce Kuhrt - March 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



March 14, 2025 at 04:40 AM

TF

“ *The Matarazzo Families purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*



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**The Matarazzo Families** - March 13, 2025 at 09:26 PM

EM

“ *Ernesto and Susana Marasigan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*



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**Ernesto and Susana Marasigan** - March 13, 2025 at 05:49 PM

EM

“ *Ernesto and Susana Marasigan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Anderson.*

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**Ernesto and Susana Marasigan** - March 13, 2025 at 05:49 PM

MC

“ Carolyn was one of the brightest of our class. A beautiful smile and personality. I roomed with her at Penn State and she embraced the University and even offered her services as a Resident Assistant. Surely she helped many students find their way in a huge, complex collegiate setting. She taught me how to keep my skin smooth by applying cream on a daily basis! My OCD's woke her up bright and early as I would open and close my closet doors grabbing my attire! She gave me good advice by saying, "Why not just keep them open!" So sorry to hear she has passed but know she is with her Mom and Dad and other family members who loved her so dearly. God rest her soul. Eternal Memory old classmate, I will think of you often and pray for you and your family.

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**Mary Ann Cremo** - March 13, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SF

“ Susan, Maria and the Gottlieb Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Carolyn Anderson.



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**Susan, Maria and the Gottlieb Family** - March 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JE

“ Carolyn was such a wonderful friend! We had great times together whether we were cheering for the Battlin Miners or just hanging out. You could rely on her for anything. Although our lives went in different directions after high school, I will always cherish the time we had as friends. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family.

*Jane Earlosky*

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**Jane Earlosky** - March 12, 2025 at 05:48 PM

TF

“ *The Spangler Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*



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**The Spangler Family** - March 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ *Thinking and praying for you all, Nils Sr and David and Nils and family,  
Carolyn was a beautiful soul and she will be missed.*

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**Julie A Salviejo** - March 12, 2025 at 10:12 AM

FF

“ *From the Good Shepard Food Pantry Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*



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**From the Good Shepard Food Pantry Family** - March 12, 2025 at 10:06 AM

GF

“ *Galiotos, Kotarides and Solis families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*



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**Galiotos, Kotarides and Solis families** - March 12, 2025 at 09:48 AM

GF

“ *Galiotos, Kotarides and Solis families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Anderson.*

**Galiotos, Kotarides and Solis families** - March 12, 2025 at 09:48 AM

MF

“ *Mary Ann,, Victor, David and Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Anderson.*

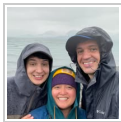


**Mary Ann,, Victor, David and Families** - March 12, 2025 at 08:03 AM

SK

“ *Aunt Carolyn will always be remembered for her sweet soul and generous spirit. Her handmade blankets are some of my families' most cherished possessions. Sending all of our love to Uncle Nils, Nils James and David.*

**Sarah Kotarides** - March 11, 2025 at 08:38 PM



*Thank you, Sarah. My mom so dearly loved to make blankets for family and friends & now we have them to remember the warmth and kindness with which she lived. -David*

**David Anderson** - March 12, 2025 at 06:36 AM

EA

“ *My thoughts are with her family at this difficult time. She was a wonderful person. Her greatest legacy is the children she raised. They are reflections of her kindness, love and strength.*

**Evelyn Arnold** - March 11, 2025 at 06:51 PM



*Thank you, Evelyn. She kept us in line, but she was also our greatest advocate. I was very lucky to have her as a mom. All the little things add up and are more noticeable now by the day! -David*

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**David Anderson** - March 12, 2025 at 06:40 AM

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*My sympathy to Carolyn's family at this very sad time in your lives. Carolyn created an affect, a feeling, in those she met in life. I remember her as a very whole person. She radiated warmth. I trust she is in God's care. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Adam Hozella** - May 29, 2025 at 12:13 AM