

JOURNAL Obituaries

CAROL I. AULTMAN

Carol Ilean Aultman, 79, of rural Highland, died Wednesday March 2, at her home.

She was born June 1, 1942, in Winnebago County, Ill., (rural Pecatonica) to Helen O. (Houghton) and Lester A. Highbarger. She lived in the Pecatonica, Durand and Winnebago areas for 35 years before moving to Highland. A graduate of Pecatonica High School in 1960, her first job was at Associated Publishers in Durand, Ill., and later was the editor of one of the newspapers, the Winnebago News. She was employed there for 15 years. She later worked for Ello



Furniture in Rockford, Ill.; The Platteville Journal in Platteville; McGuire Plumbing and Heating in Highland; Petrolane Gas Service in Dodgeville; and Lands' End in Dodgeville, where she retired after 25 years. She was well known at Lands' End because of the many years of helping organize the large Harris Park Event.

She was married to Leland Anton Aultman on Jan. 21, 1965. They first resided in Winnebago, Ill., before moving to rural Highland in 1977. She was an avid bowler and loved all sports, especially the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers. Carol enjoyed watching her sons and grandchildren participating in wrestling, football and little league baseball. Her most enjoyable activity was dancing. Her dream was always to be able to live to be 100 and still do the jig! Carol or "mom" to many, wanted everyone to be happy all the time even though her sister, Shirley, always told her that's not possible.

She had held offices in the Tower Junction bowling league, Montfort Bowling Association, Cobb Lioness Club and Ritchie-Kohout VFW Auxiliary. She also was Affiliate District President of the Lioness 27-D1, for two different terms. In 2021, Carol was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow award for dedicated humanitarian services by the Lions Club International Foundation.

The highlight of her life was her 75th birthday gift, which was a trip to Hawaii to visit her brother. She had not seen him in 16 years, and they spent 10 wonderful days together.

Survivors include her sons, Bradley (Rose), of rural Montfort, Matthew (Debbie), of Livingston, Jeffrey (LuAnn), of Mineral Point, and Christopher (Erika), of rural Montfort; four stepchildren, Teri Tepfer, Brian Aultman, Karen Welterberg and Dawn Marie; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Earl Highbarger, of Hawaii; sister-in-law, Donna Smith, of Minnesota; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee; son, Daniel; parents; sisters, Shirley Van Vleck, Mary Havens and Phyllis Unnerstall; brothers-in-law, Emil Unnerstall, Raymond Havens, Laurel Aultman, Dean Aultman, Doyle Aultman, Neil Aultman and Jim Aultman; nephew, Kary Christen; niece, Deborah Lucan; stepdaughter, Kelly Aultman; and special friend, Bud Light.

Because of Carol's love of sports, people are encouraged to wear Packers, Brewers, Steelers, Cowboys, Vikings and Bears attire. Honoring the request of Carol, there will be no formal memorial service held. A "Celebration of Life" will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Castle Rock Inn located at 15040 Schemak Road, Muscoda, WI 53573. The Soman-Larson Funeral Home in Montfort is assisting the family. Cards of sympathy may be sent to 203 West Grant St., Montfort, WI 53569 or online condolences may be made at www.larsonfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Agrace HospiceCare for their wonderful care and assistance.

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