



Carol J. Nelson

September 12, 1950 - August 30, 2025

A private gathering will be held to celebrate the life of Carol Nelson of Verndale and formerly of California. Carol, age 74, died unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at the Astera Health Hospital at Wadena, MN.

Carol Joy Dahl was born to Conrad and Ella (Eng) Dahl on September 12, 1950, in Minneapolis, MN. She attended school in Minneapolis and Wisconsin, but left school early to start a family. She spent many years as a homemaker, raising her children in Minnesota before leaving for Colorado. On August 24, 1984, she married Donald R. Nelson at Washington Park in Denver. They moved to California, where she lived for sometime before losing her husband. Soon after, in 2015, she traveled to Verndale, MN to visit family and decided to stay.

A free spirit, Carol loved life and lived it to the fullest. She enjoyed music, snapping pictures, flowers & plants, watching birds, and soaking in a beautiful sunset. Later in life, she found comfort with her cat "Blue Eyes". She was giving, even when she had little. She loved her family big and will be missed tremendously. Best of all, she trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. We will see her again.

Preceding Carol in death were her husband, Don; parents, Conrad and Ella

Dahl; sister Donna Schultz; grandson Maddox Ritch; and nephew Joseph Schultz.

Carol is survived by her children: Dawn (Danny) Fisher of Verndale, Michele Arrington of Nashville, TN, Carrie Paccione of Huntersville, NC, Kenny Nelson of South Dakota and Christine Nelson of California; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brother Kenneth (Monica) Dahl of Riverside, CA; along with the many friends she made in Verndale and at the Village Green apartments.

Honorary urn bearers are her grandchildren Collin, Cole, Daniel, Casey, Christian, Carmen, and Jerrelle.

Memorials in Carol's name may be directed to the Salvation Army (give.salvationarmyusa.org)

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Carol Nelson*



Marlene Campbell - September 06, 2025 at 11:53 PM

DF

“ *Mom, I will think of you everyday. I will honor your memory and I will look forward to seeing you again. Dawn Marie* ❤️

Dawn Fisher - September 06, 2025 at 08:53 PM

KD

“ *I will miss my dear sister Carol who also became my precious sister in Christ many years ago.
Look forward to spending the rest of eternity with her with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
From Carols family; her brother Kenneth Dahl*

Kenneth Dahl - September 06, 2025 at 08:47 PM

AM

“ *Amber lit a candle in memory of Carol Nelson*



amber - September 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LK

“ Had the pleasure of walking through yard foraging learning about the benefits of natural herbs and which plants are good for you . She had an infectious smile and beautiful soul. Fly high and pain free lady.



Linda Koenig - September 04, 2025 at 12:33 PM

SS

“ Deepest heartfelt sympathy.



Sally Siegler - September 01, 2025 at 11:02 PM

CB

“ Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Carol Nelson



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - August 31, 2025 at 09:45 PM