



Carla Ann Behnke

November 27, 1961 - January 11, 2018

Carla Ann Behnke, 56, of Oak Creek, died on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at her home in Oak Creek.

She was born on November 27, 1961, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of Norman and Judie Gratton Behnke. She was a graduate of L.P. Goodrich High School, Class of 1980. She received an Associate Degree from UW-Fond du Lac and graduated with an education degree from UW-Stevens Point in 1984. She taught elementary school and nursery school in Fond du Lac for several years and managed a Coach House Gift Store for 5 years in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She was currently employed by UW-Milwaukee for 20 years. She started in the Chemistry Department before transferring to become a Fee Specialist in the Registrar's Office of Enrollment Management.

Carla was a former member of the Church of Peace where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and was active in the youth group. Carla was very talented, an avid crafter and could make anything, including numerous gifts for her family and friends. She was also a good cook.

Carla is survived by her parents, and her brother Curt of Chicago, IL. She is also survived by her uncle, Donald (Lee) Behnke; Godparents: Patti Lane Kulaga of Las Vegas, NV and Donald Behnke of Fond du Lac. Her godchildren were Bryan Behnke of Phoenix, AZ; Elsa and Eve Delfosse, of

Appleton, and Liam Schalk of Fond du Lac. She will be greatly missed by her close friends Carol, Adam & Whitney Holzman, Cindy Rush, Kathy and Jimmy Prince and her many co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Carl and Hazel Behnke; maternal grandparents, George and Viola Gratton, her maternal aunts and uncles and her Godmother Marilyn Ruch Koester.

Memorials may be directed to her parents for a memorial in her name or a charity of your choice.

A special thank you to Oak Creek Police Officer Paul Herson for his tremendous compassion, and professionalism.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Monday, January 15, 2018, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and again from 9:30 until the time of service on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Kurki- Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with Rev. Gerald Schrankler officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 921-4420
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Tribute Wall

AS

“ I am so sorry to find out about Carla's passing. She was always one I could count on to have a smile on her face whenever we met...she will be greatly missed

Ange Schramm Schneider - January 22, 2018 at 05:36 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter. I cannot imagine your pain. Please know Carla is in a much better place now, where there is no pain or suffering, only love. With deepest sympathy, Joy Swantz

Joy Swantz - January 16, 2018 at 03:17 PM

KH

“ Carla was the sweetest, kindest person. She had a smile and laugh that lit up a room. Her dedication to her work, her friendships with her colleagues, and her concern for the students of UWM will be greatly missed.

Kristin Hildebrandt - January 16, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.



January 16, 2018 at 12:27 PM

SH

“ *Sandra D Humes purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



Sandra D Humes - January 15, 2018 at 03:57 PM

MS

“ *To the Behnke Family- I'm so sorry for your loss and hope your memories of Carla keep her spirit near.*

Mary Strauss - January 15, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



January 15, 2018 at 12:21 PM

RS

“ *Carla was a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day -- always quick with a smile and a kind word. She worked tirelessly on behalf of students and her colleagues and she will be deeply missed. UWM as a whole, and I personally, have lost a dear friend. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to Carla's family.*

Rose Sauers

Rose Sauers - January 15, 2018 at 10:19 AM

BO

“ I was so sorry to learn of your daughter's death. My prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time. Bonnie Ramaker

bonnie - January 15, 2018 at 08:52 AM

MT

“ Norm, Judie & Curt
Deb and I send our condolences. My schedule does not permit me to be with you today, but you are in my thoughts.

Mark Toll - January 15, 2018 at 06:12 AM

DA

“ My heart is so heavy with sadness for you!

Deborah Amato - January 14, 2018 at 07:56 PM

KS

“ Carla was a kind and loving lady of whom I have many fond memories. She was such a blessing to my mom, Dorothy, and my mom used to love her trips with Carla to Hobby Lobby.

I remember when I came to Fond du Lac to help my mom have a moving sale, Carla spent many hours helping us, and most of the time we were laughing until we had tears in our eyes. She and I made a good comic team entertaining my mom and the customers.

I also remember her as a little girl visiting my family in Minnesota. It makes me laugh now to think about her boasting to me that her Dad could beat up my Dad...she always truly loved her parents.

I will miss her sense of humor and generous spirit.

-Karen Strong

Karen Strong - January 14, 2018 at 06:40 PM

JC

“ *John and Joan Cannon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



John and Joan Cannon - January 14, 2018 at 06:43 AM

DU

“ *Our thoughts & prayers with you all- She will be dearly missed - Joseph & Diane Ule*



Diane Ule - January 13, 2018 at 09:30 PM

SP

“ *I enjoyed working with Carla. She was always happy to help me when I needed it and cared about our students. She took special joy in creating potlucks and other fun social gathering for her coworkers. Her laughter and presence will be missed at UWM.*

Sarah Perkins - January 13, 2018 at 08:03 PM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Behnke family and friends. I knew Carla from Church of Peace as well as from Lollipop Park where she lovingly cared for my children many years ago. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers during this sad and most difficult time.*

Cheri Welch - January 13, 2018 at 07:28 PM

JU

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It is never easy losing a loved one, may you find peace and comfort in the great memories you have as a family. Judi Bacon Scharf*

Judi - January 13, 2018 at 03:50 PM

SB

“ *I wanted to share my wonderful experience working @ UWM with Carla. She was one of my favorite UWM people. I worked in the School of Education Outreach office and Carla working for the Registrar, she was an integral part of helping our teachers register for courses in order to maintain their teaching licenses. She was so very kind, patient and most helpful in role. She did her job well. And very customer service oriented. She was competent and intelligent of the knowledge base needed in order to navigate the bureaucracy @ UWM. I was shocked at the news of her passing. I will miss her. I'd stop by to visit her when I was passing through Mellencamp Hall. Know that she now sleeps with the angels and will suffer no more. RIP my dear friend Carla. My heartfelt sympathy for her parents, Norman and Judie Gratton Behnke. during this difficult time. Sincerely,
Susan Butkovic*

Susan Butkovic - January 13, 2018 at 03:47 PM

BH

“ *Carla had a delightful and incredibly kind presence, and in the time I served as her supervisor, she treated me with patience and good humor. She always made it very clear how important her family and friends were to her. She undertook countless acts of kindness on behalf of UWM's students and staff, many of whom might never have known that Carla had helped them behind the scenes. I will very much miss her laughter and light, and her friendship.*

Brian Hinshaw - January 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM

SH

“ *Carla was a wonderful person. We laughed, talked, cried and shared our hopes and dreams with each other for the past 10 years on and off the job. Through Carla I met and loved those she loved as we talked often about our families. My crafty girl as I called her will be greatly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Behnke and Curt you meant everything to her, I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers.*

Sandra Humes - January 13, 2018 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ *Ms. Millie Steinbach purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



Ms. Millie Steinbach - January 13, 2018 at 11:38 AM

KS

“ *Karen E., Tom Z., David G. Karen M. & John S. purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



Karen E., Tom Z., David G. Karen M. & John S. - January 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM

TC

“ *Tom and Colleen purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Carla Ann Behnke.*



Tom and Colleen - January 12, 2018 at 07:53 PM

KA

“ *Much love to all of you during this incomprehensible time of sorrow and loss. Karen menzies and david grimes*

karen - January 12, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *One of the things I will remember about Carla is her laugh. I recognized it from down the hall at work. We worked in the same department for almost all of her 20 years at UWM. I will miss her. One other thing I will remember is that we both liked a clothing line called Quacker Factory which was sold on a shopping channel called QVC. The creator of the clothing line was Jeanne Bice who Carla told me was a friend of one of her aunts - they both lived in Ripon WI.*

Rita Freiburger - January 12, 2018 at 07:11 PM



Bless You

Jeanie Potter - January 14, 2018 at 02:13 AM



Sorry for your loss. Carla was a good friend to my sister and my family.

Jeanie Potter - January 14, 2018 at 02:14 AM

CP

“ *Carla was a dedicated professional and a pleasure to work with. She will be greatly missed by colleagues from many different offices at UW-Milwaukee.*

Chris Parks - January 12, 2018 at 06:12 PM

JC

“ Dear Curt and Mr. and Mrs Behnke,
Although I never met Carla, I have heard so much about her, and both of you, from Curt. I am so saddened by her passing and wanted to send you my love and sympathy. I hope that you are surrounded by family and your many friends and are getting support from everyone around you. You are all in my thoughts. much love,
Jane Cameron

JANE CAMERON - January 12, 2018 at 05:48 PM