



## Carolyn L. Papenfuss

November 17, 1942 - June 28, 2025

Carolyn Leslie (Walthers) Papenfuss, 82, of Fond du Lac, peacefully passed away surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

She was born on November 17, 1942, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She was a lifelong resident of the area, with only a few moves out of the state, but she always came back to Wisconsin. Carolyn was a very devout Catholic and was a member of Holy Family Parish, attending services numerous times a week, as her faith was very important to her.

She was an animal lover, especially when it came to her Cornish Rex cats. You could always find her enjoying time with her family and friends, always busy. She was blessed with an amazing green thumb, and enjoyed keeping her yard looking gorgeous year after year. One of her most cherished things in life had to be her 62-year marriage to her devoted husband, David Papenfuss, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Jeanette (Schuessler) Walthers, and her daughter Cheryl (Papenfuss) Burg.

Carolyn is survived by her sons: David (Martina) Papenfuss, Paul (Alisha) Papenfuss, and Brian (Courtney) Papenfuss, 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, her sister Barbara (Fred) Schmolesky, her niece, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

To honor Carolyn's life, there will be a visitation on Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, directly followed by Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Parish, 59 E. Merrill Ave., Fond du Lac. Inurnment will follow at Ledgeview Memorial

Park.

Her family will host a Celebration of Life at Schmitt's Oar House, N7044 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac, following the inurnment at 2:00 PM. Carolyn and her husband David loved it there!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church of Holy Family Parish  
59 East Merrill Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Memorial Mass

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KL

“ I was attended Joan (Dart) Breitung's Celebration of Life Sunday August 3, and heard of Carolyn's passing. Had I known I would have definitely attended her Service. I went to SMSA with the fun NFDL Girls, including Carolyn, and the class of '61. This is so hard to comprehend, but God has a Plan for us, and as long as we believe, HE will guide us to our next home. GOD bless Carolyn and David's loving family. They will always be at your side, and in your memories.

*Kathleen in Menomonee Falls, WI (kathleen.lysaght@yahoo.com).*

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**KATHLEEN LYSAGHT** - August 05, 2025 at 12:49 PM

KW

“ My condolences to Carolyn's family. Memories of playing with Carolyn and Barbara as children, often under the supervision of our Aunt Arlene!

*Cousin Karen Walthers Wilson*

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**Karen Walthers Wilson** - July 10, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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*Thank you Karen for your condolences and your kind words. She will be greatly missed!*

*Sincerely, the Papenfuss family*

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**Papenfuss Tina** - July 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JW

“ Judy W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn L. Papenfuss.

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**Judy W.** - July 09, 2025 at 05:37 PM

BH

“ *In memory of Carolyn, I share thoughts and prayers. For many Saturdays, she and I spent an hour in the Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel. A faith filled lady; who I was thrilled to know! RIP. BETSY*

Betsy Haskett - July 06, 2025 at 11:16 PM

PT

*Thank you Betsy for your condolences and prayers. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.  
Sincerely, the Papenfuss family*

Papenfuss Tina - July 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carolyn L. Papenfuss.*



July 06, 2025 at 03:53 PM



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

July 06, 2025 at 03:53 PM

AS

“ *Angel and Rosatilde Serulle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn L. Papenfuss.*



Angel and Rosatilde Serulle - July 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM

LG

“*Lieber Dave, lieber Paul und lieber Brian, wir können gar nicht in Worte fassen, wie leid uns euer Verlust tut!  
Carolyn war eine so wunderbare, lebensbejahende Person und sie wird uns durch ihre liebevolle und positive Art immer eine Inspiration sein!  
Ganz viel Kraft und Liebe für euch und all ihre Hinterbliebenen von ihrer deutschen Familie Lena und Christian Gieseler mit Luke und Greta*

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**Lena Gieseler** - July 03, 2025 at 01:06 AM

PT

*Liebe Lena, Christian, Luke und Greta!  
Ganz lieben für eure Anteilnahme und die lieben Worte! Carolyn war in der Tat eine außergewöhnliche Frau, die von ihrer Familie und Freunden sehr geliebt und geschätzt wurde. Sie machte es mir von Anfang an sehr leicht, mich in die Familie zu integrieren und ich habe sie im Laufe der Jahre sehr lieb gewonnen. Wir werden sie sehr vermissen.  
Eure Mama/Oma Tina und die Papenfuss Familie*

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**Papenfuss Tina** - July 14, 2025 at 11:40 AM



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

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July 03, 2025 at 12:53 AM

AE

“*Angel E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn L. Papenfuss.*

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**Angel E.** - July 02, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LF

“ *Love, your Goddaughter and Kalil Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn L. Papenfuss.*



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**Love, your Goddaughter and Kalil Family** - July 02, 2025 at  
05:08 PM