



Warren L. Carlson

January 17, 1932 - January 9, 2014

Warren L. Carlson, 81, of Rockford died Thursday, January 9, 2014 after a long illness. Born January 17, 1932 in Rockford, son of Algot and Florence (Westberg) Carlson. Graduate of Stillman Valley High School class of 1949. Married Roberta Pearson on March 24, 1951, they were happily married for 62 years. Warren was formerly employed at Sundstrand, retiring in 1980 after 30 years. He owned and operated Warren Carlson Photography for 40 years doing wedding and family portraits. He and Roberta were snowbirds in Arizona for 20 years where he enjoyed playing baseball and water volleyball. He also gave computer lessons to seniors. Warren was well known for his boats, snowmobiles, Apple computers and his monthly Sundstrand retiree news letter he sent out to over 400 people. He was a diehard Bears and Cubs fan. Member of Covenant Valley Church. Proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survived by wife Roberta; son Ken Carlson, daughter Pam (Ray) DeVore; grandchildren, Stacy (Fletcher) Smith, Chad (Donna) DeVore, Nicole (Brian) Bogart; great-grandchildren, Fletch and Chelsea Smith, Samantha and Sarabeth Bogart and Autumn Hufford. Preceded in death by his parents and daughter Diana. Memorial Gathering and Celebration of Life Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, 103 South Maple; Stillman Valley. Cremation rites will be accorded. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family, to share a memory or condolence, visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Church
103 South Maple
Stillman Valley, IL

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was saddened to hear that Warren had passed away. I remember spending time at the Carlson home while growing up, playing with Ken and Pam. I remember the huge garage he built and he seemed such a big and imposing man, but, in reality he was a "gentle giant". My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Roberta, Ken and Pam. Warren was a great husband, dad and all around person.

Craig Bain - January 19, 2014 at 11:08 AM

CT

“ I remember Warren while growing up a street away back in Stillman Valley. I remember when he built his big garage and he seemed like such a big imposing man. But I did come to learn he was kind hearted and gentle and I spent quite a bit of time at his home, watching how photographs were processed and developed. Warren was a great person and enjoyed life. I hung out with his son Ken and daughter Pam while growing up as well. My sincerest sympathy is passed on to Roberta, Ken and Pam.

Craig Bain, Nashville TN - January 19, 2014 at 11:01 AM

PQ

“ Pam & Ray and extended family - I am so, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He always had a smile and kind word. To think how many "Stillman kids" wedding pictures he has taken is overwhelming. Remember the laughter and treasure the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pam Quick-Stangley

(will not be there but with you in thoughts - taking mother to TN.)

Pamela Quick-Stangley - January 16, 2014 at 09:01 AM

DR

“ Roberta, you sure have my sympathy on the passing of Warren. I always enjoyed my visits with him when you had us Monday afternoon dismissal and flower volunteers at your home.

Don Rose - January 15, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JM

“ Jim and Diane Morley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Warren L. Carlson.



Jim and Diane Morley - January 15, 2014 at 09:45 AM

TH

“ We will miss Warren. Although we never had an opportunity to work with Warren or meet him, we truly enjoyed his willingness and talent in sharing the monthly Sundstrand newsletter. We will think of Warren each month when our calendar pops up to remind us to look for the Sundstrand calendar. Eric and Sue Henderson

The Hendersons - January 11, 2014 at 01:49 PM

AA

“ Sorry for your loss. Warren worked with my father in law at Sundstrands, took my sister in laws wedding photos as well as my own.

Amy Aspaas - January 10, 2014 at 10:42 PM

AT

“ Uncle Warren was a wonderful man always kind he always did stuff with us when we were kids we loved going out on his boat .I will miss him dearly.

Annie Trahan - January 10, 2014 at 06:30 PM