



Carl Allan Batha

February 27, 1947 - August 29, 2025

Platteville – Carl Allan Batha, age 78, of Platteville, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Southwest Hospital.

He was born on February 27, 1947, in East St. Louis, Illinois, the son of Anthony and Mary (Nosil) Batha. On June 21, 1970, Carl married Jeanne Arnold in Manchester, Missouri, and together they shared 55 years of marriage.

Carl attended Southeast Missouri State University on a football scholarship and earned his master's degree from the University of Missouri. He dedicated his career to wildlife conservation, serving as a wildlife biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for 36 years, as well as a conservation warden. Carl was instrumental in reintroducing the wild turkey to Wisconsin in the early 1970s and, later in his career, collaborated with colleagues to develop a hunter education program for UW–Madison wildlife biology students. Carl also had a unique gift for securing private land for public recreation, leaving a lasting legacy for generations of Wisconsin outdoor enthusiasts.

A lifelong outdoorsman, Carl was enthusiastic about hunting, cooking wild game, mushroom foraging, camping, ammunition reloading, and mentoring new hunters. He was a longtime hunter safety instructor and an active supporter of organizations including Pheasants Forever, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Ruffed Grouse Society, the Izaak Walton League, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Grant County Outdoor Sports Alliance. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, WI.

Carl was known for his humility and servant leadership. Though he never sought recognition, Carl earned numerous accolades, but more importantly, the respect and admiration of all who knew him through his dedication, integrity, and unconditional support of others, whether colleagues, neighbors, or his family. He found his greatest joy in his wife, children, and grandchildren, and extended that same love and devotion to his wider circle of friends. His kindness and generosity live on as he continues to give through the gift of tissue donation.

Carl is survived by his wife, Jeanne; daughters Jennifer (David) Bormett of McFarland, WI and Janelle (Sean) Chapman of Lexington, KY; his siblings Barbara Channer and Mary Louise (Urban) Baum; his sister-in-law Linda Ingram; his grandchildren Jacob, Tyler, and Luke Chapman, Ian and Sofia Bormett; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Carl would not want us to forget to mention his beloved Brittanies, Meg and Reggie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Mary, his twin brother, Jerry and brothers-in-law Paulus Channer and Michael Ingram.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME, 400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin with a short service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Clara Thompson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Grant County Outdoor Sports Alliance c/o Richard DeWitte at 11121 St. Charles Road, Cassville, WI 53806 to support youth and family outdoor education.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *My sincere condolences to all of the family. I'm so sorry, I did not hear about Carl's passing until Tuesday.*

Carl has been a dear and trusted friend for many years, when I worked with him (me from the FWS) on wildlife disease outbreaks in Wisconsin, and Nebraska (yes, Nebraska); as well as personally between both of our families. His and Jeane's meant so much to both my wife (Michele) and me personally.

Carl was my Best Man (well, maybe second best) at Michele's (ok – and my) wedding. The girls were the flower girls (do you remember?). He meant truly what he said to us at his address at the reception.

And,,as his last role as Best Man, he helped bore the casket of Michele's recent passing.

What more can I ask of a Best Man?

christopher brand - September 18, 2025 at 09:07 PM

DY

“ *I had the privilege of working with Carl for a number of deer seasons when he was a “ Special” for me when I was first hired in 1998 and the new warden in Lafayette then Iowa County. Carl was always an absolute professional & amazing at “ selling” a ticket to various wayward hunters we encountered. We met up one day to sight our deer rifles in & upon seeing my rifle with the 50mm scope he said, as only Carl could, “whoa, now that's a meat gun”, & he followed the comment up with his deep belly laugh & his big grin. He will be greatly missed & I am so thankful to him for the guidance & lessons I learned when he was in my truck for those many deer seasons.....Dave Youngquist*

David Youngquist - September 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

CP

“ *I have known Carl since he started with DNR. He always had a positive attitude on life along with a big smile. He contributed much to the art and science of wildlife management. He was an outstanding family man. He will be missed.*

Chuck Pils

Chuck Pils - September 13, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MR

“ I guess I knew Carl for 50 years. I worked with him many times, from Devils Lake to Grant and Lafayette Counties. He was as great a guy as they come. Always outgoing and very comfortable to be with. We were together for the first turkey release in Lafayette County, and I'll always remember when he found a gun that a shiner had tossed. We will miss him greatly. Mike Rindfleisch

Mike Rindfleisch - September 12, 2025 at 07:05 PM

RR

“ I was very saddened to hear of Carl's passing. I was a conservation warden in the DNR southern district and worked with Carl most of my career. Our sympathies to Jeanne and the family. Randy & Roseann Rossing

Randy Rossing - September 12, 2025 at 10:53 AM

ML

“ The Southwestern Izaak Walton Chapter sends our deepest sympathies. Carl was always very active with our Chapter. He will be deeply missed. His conversions on Tuesday will especially be missed. Our thoughts are with you. Marion Lovell

Marion Lovell - September 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott Sandholm - September 04, 2025 at 04:10 PM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathies to Jeanne and family. Carl was a great colleague and friend. His infectious enthusiasm was legendary. May he rest in peace.

Joe and Sharon Haug, Green Valley, AZ.

Joseph Haug - September 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM

MS

“ We knew Carl from our Hunter Education Safety Instructor Group - Madison Area Safe Hunters (MASH). Steve and I will miss his smile and energy. Our condolences to his family.



Monica and Steve - September 03, 2025 at 10:05 AM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album Brittanies and Bird Hunting



Tony Biebl - September 02, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl Allan Batha.

September 02, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Allan Batha.



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