



Carol Lynn Murphy

June 17, 1961 - August 14, 2025

Dodgeville – Carol Lynn Murphy, age 64, of Dodgeville, passed away quietly at her home in Dodgeville on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

Born on June 17, 1961, in Madison, Carol was the cherished daughter of John and Sally McSherry. She grew up in Ridgeway, attending Ridgeway Grade School and later graduating from Dodgeville High School.

Carol spent many years working at Lands' End, where her dedication and kindness left a lasting impression. She later found her calling as the assistant director at the Dodgeville Library, where her love of books and community came together. Carol helped shape the library into a welcoming place for all.

Carol's happiest days were spent outside with a fishing rod in hand and her beloved dog, Jordy by her side. She especially enjoyed her travels to Montana and her visits to Yellowstone National Park, where she was always on an adventure to spot wildlife. One of her favorite rituals was sipping a cup of coffee at Chico Hot Springs, a simple pleasure she looked forward to on every trip. As president of the Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited in southwest Wisconsin, Carol shared her passion for conservation and fly fishing with countless others, always eager to teach and inspire.

Carol's greatest pride and joy were her children, Brandon and Sienna, and her

beloved grandchildren, Nola and Willa. She loved to cook and made countless loaves of banana bread with her granddaughters. She also loved spending time with her siblings, whose humor and companionship brought her endless joy. She treasured family gatherings filled with stories, good food, and lots of laughter. Carol was known for her generous spirit, quick wit, and unwavering kindness. Her friendships ran deep and her impact on those around her was immeasurable.

Carol is survived by her children Brandon (Shasta) Murphy and Sienna (Shawn) McGuire; her grandchildren Nola and Willa McGuire; the father of her children, Mark Murphy; siblings Jim (Karla) McSherry, Gene (Kari) McSherry, Kathy (David dec.) Kruger, Patty (Dennis) Rickey, Mary McSherry, and Bill McSherry; and her beloved dog, Jordy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Francis McSherry and Sally Rae McSherry, and her brother-in-law, David Kruger.

Carol's legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew her, in every trout stream she fished, every book she cherished, every trail she wandered, and every life she touched.

A public visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

In honor of Carol's lifelong love for nature and conservation, memorials may be made to the Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Tribute Wall



Brian Larson

“ *All of us at TUDARE were saddened to hear of Carol's unfortunate passing. She gave so much to TU and the community. Her death leaves a big hole.*

Brian Larson - August 26, 2025 at 09:05 AM



Brian Larson

“ *Carol was an amazing soul; President of the Nohr Chapter, active in teaching women and girls to fly fish, and charitable in her community. We will miss her. Aldo Leopold Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

Brian Larson - August 22, 2025 at 08:58 PM



AF

“ *My deepest heart felt condolences go out to Carols family and friends. I had known Carol through the Harry and Laura Nohr Trout Unlimited Chapter. She sure had a passion for the outdoors and of course for fishing ! When we were first introduced, she sure made me feel welcomed to the Nohr Chapter as a member and as a friend. She always took the time to chat with me and tell stories of her adventures in life and along the stream banks. I admired and deeply respected her for her role within the TU Nohr Chapter as our current President and with her involvement within the community. You will be deeply missed and as I would say "FISH ON...GRAB THE NET !!"*

Adam Reed - Fennimore - August 21, 2025 at 12:10 AM

LJ

“ Carol was the type of person who made you feel welcome and her smile was always so genuine. How do you convey in words the impact she had on so many lives? You will be missed, dear Carol!

Laurie Jewell - August 20, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LJ

“ Laurie J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Lynn Murphy.

Laurie J. - August 20, 2025 at 03:38 PM

SS

“ Carol was a lovely person so always helpful and kind. She will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to her family. God Bless! Sharon Sutter 🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Sutter - August 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JM

“ I was very saddened to hear about Carol. I worked with Carol in-depth on the Dodgeville Public Library website project a few years ago. She was so sweet and such a joy to work with. We got to know each other well over the several months working together and had some wonderful conversations and great laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol and her family. God Bless. 💖 Jackie Meudt

Jackie Meudt - August 20, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ I'm deeply saddened to hear about Carol, yet I'm also inspired by the profound impact she had on those around her. She'll forever be little Carol McSherry, whose infectious laughter I'll always treasure whenever I called her that. Her kindness, compassion, and beauty shone brightly throughout her life, touching countless hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this challenging time. I'll see you again little Carol McSherry ☐

Mary Everson - August 19, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DC

“ Dan and Sue Callies purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Lynn Murphy.



Dan and Sue Callies - August 19, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BL

“ SWTU is shocked and grief stricken at the news of Carol's death. She was one of the best TU folks any of us ever knew and just a completely wonderful person. We'll miss her. Please let us know if we can help in any commemoration of her life and service. Thank you and hang in there, Topf Wells

Brian Larson - August 19, 2025 at 12:15 PM

BL

“ *The members of EDTU were shocked to hear that Carol passed away. She was a great friend to our chapter. Carol was a true collaborator; she always leaned in when we had a request for information or assistance. Her fish-with-a-friend donation was always a hot item at the EDTU Holiday Fundraiser, partly because she was such a knowledgeable fly fisher, but also because she was so fun to be with. Several members of our chapter plan to attend Carol’s services on Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol’s family and the Nohr Chapter members.*

Regards,

Jim Brown

President, EDTU

Brian Larson - August 19, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BL

“ We at the Aldo Leopold Chapter of TU are so incredibly saddened by Carol’s passing. As someone who has worked with Carol for years at the women’s fly fishing clinics, our whole group is heartbroken. There’s been some discussion amongst our group about creating a scholarship in Carol’s name. Whether that be through the Nohr Chapter or through the women’s fly fishing clinics or both, not sure yet there. Who would we contact with your chapter to discuss this further? You or someone else on your board?

Thanks and my condolences,

Lisa Wilson

Brian Larson - August 19, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carol Lynn Murphy.*



August 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Carol Lynn Murphy.*



August 18, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carol Lynn Murphy.*



August 18, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol Lynn Murphy.*



August 18, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ *I worked with Carol at Lands End . She was always a bright light in everything she did. And later, a warm and friendly voice and face at the library. She always put herself 100% into whatever her endeavor. We always talked about our dogs being dog lovers. I will miss her very much and my heart goes out to her family. What a special person.*

Debi Morton - August 18, 2025 at 03:28 AM



“ *I will miss visiting Carol at the library. She always brightened my day with suggestions of books to read, and magazines to suit my quilting.*

Caroline Hodge - August 17, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JL

“ *My heart goes out to Carols family and her children and her puppy too. Our thoughts are with all of you. Bob and Jean Lee*

Jean Lee - August 17, 2025 at 12:31 PM

 Brian Larson

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute*



Brian Larson - August 17, 2025 at 10:38 AM

AN

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Carol for a time at Dodgeville Public Library. Her love for her family and the community saw no bounds. She will be missed.*

Angela Noel - August 17, 2025 at 07:30 AM

WH

“ *I could not have hoped for a more wonderful friend for the past 30 years. I will miss Carol terribly. May God bless and comfort Carol's family in her absence.*

Wendy (Klingbeil) Hiland - August 17, 2025 at 01:30 AM

CC

“ I am a lost for words at one of my very, very dearest and closest friends. I don't even know what to say or how to feel at this point other than Carol was a gem. I have a lot of very good memories with Carol back in our childhood of growing up and living together. She is one of a kind and I truly love her and she will be truly missed.

cindy chapman - August 16, 2025 at 07:03 PM

WB

So very sorry to hear this. I knew Carol for far too little time. She is one of the nicest people I have ever known.

William M Britt - August 16, 2025 at 09:03 PM

SM

Cindy - my mom loved you so very much. She truly cherished your childhood memories and all the fun and laughs you had together. Please know she had a special spot in her heart for you.

Sienna McGuire - August 16, 2025 at 11:42 PM

JM

Carol had a smile that could light up a room and she was always so cheerful and friendly. We will miss seeing her out and about and chatting, as well as at the library. Sending our sincere sympathy to all. Ted and Jeanne Meister

Jeanne Meister - August 20, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ Carol was one of my best childhood friends! It was always so fun to hang out at her house and have sleepovers with all of her sisters. So many adventures we had in Ridgeway. RIP Carol such a good soul.

Annette Hallada Mindermann - August 16, 2025 at 02:27 PM

JK

“ *A lovely woman and longtime friend. My heart hurts for all of us whose life she graced. RIP Carol. ❤️*

Janet Klosterman - August 16, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to Carol's family. Such a kind and caring family willing to help everyone that needs it. We share the same birthday and I will forever remember that. A kind and caring soul she was. My heart goes out to her family. RIP CAROL. YOU WILL BE MISSED.*

Rick Short - August 16, 2025 at 12:28 PM