



Caroline Wardwell Semeyn

May 1, 1947 - February 17, 2025

Caroline Wardwell Semeyn, age 77, a compassionate and loving friend, sister, mother of 4, and grandmother to 9, died peacefully on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Carrie was well known for her infectious smile, warm hugs, sense of humor, and her dedication to caring for others. She lit up the room with her spark, and had a gift for making others feel at ease.

Carrie's undeniable calling in life was to nurture others. This became clear as a young girl, when she was a primary helper for her baby brother, Tim, who had special needs. She continued to be a lifelong guardian and advocate for Tim. Carrie later served in many capacities for her beloved First United Methodist Church community in Northville, leading youth groups, organizing gifts for the Angel Tree, championing the homeless community, and providing congregational support as a Stephen Minister. Carrie also served as a hospice volunteer, and loved her gig as a hostess at Genitti's in Northville, where she created a warm and welcoming environment for all.

Carrie maintained a loving home for her family and helped make countless memories for her kids and grandchildren. Carrie would commonly be found preparing amazing meals for family gatherings, cheering at the kids' many sporting and music events, tailgating for Big Ten football games, and enjoying

regular trips to Higgins Lake and the Sarasota Keys. Carrie was an avid fan of her home teams (Go Lions and Go Blue!), loved playing cards with friends, and was always up for a sing-along of any kind, particularly "Sweet Caroline"!

She is survived by her children, Mark (Lyn) W. Semeyn, Jr. of Milan, MI, Matthew (Jennifer) W. Semeyn of Missouri City, TX, Erica A. Jacobson of Eugene, OR; son-in-law Steven Fox; brothers John (Abby) G. Wardwell of Dutch Flat, CA, H. Fletcher Wardwell of Sarasota, FL; and 9 grandchildren, Max, Mackenna, Mitchel, Michael, Alexa, Olivia, Micah, Wyatt and Kai Noah. Carrie was preceded in death by her daughter Abigail Fox, former husband Mark W. Semeyn, brother Frank (Tim) Wardwell, and parents John H. and Inin S. Wardwell.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, June 20 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Northville, MI, 777 Eight Mile West, Northville, MI 48167. A luncheon will be held following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting Cass Community Social Services, 11745 Rosa Parks, Attn: CR Detroit, MI 48206. To leave a memory you have of Caroline, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Northville
777 Eight Mile West
Northville, MI 48167
<https://www.fumcnorthville.org/>

Luncheon

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Tribute Wall

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“ Carrie had a wonderful loving and caring personality. Her smile was infectious and so many will never forget it. Rest well.



David Morley - February 26, 2025 at 12:07 AM



“ We grew up close to the Semeyn's and Carrie was a second mother to me. There were countless sleepovers at their house, many messy projects, and I'm sure Legos still come out out of the carpet in that house. She taught me the joys of making omelettes which I have shared with many others. She was kind, nurturing, loving and knew when the kids were pushing the boundaries and would rein us in when we did. There were countless outings, projects, and she was even our tireless Cub Scout den mother. There was always a twinkle in her eye, a kind word to be said and to laugh to be had. Her spirit will live on in my heart forever.

David Howell - February 22, 2025 at 09:02 AM

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Carrie's smile will be missed by all who knew her. I loved that she found joy easily, even coloring her hair magenta and purple when she lived in StoryPoint! It made me smile! I pray these memories will be a balm for the broken hearts of her family and friends.

Adrienne Owens - February 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM