



## Carolyn J. Lefever

August 18, 1948 - August 21, 2023

Carolyn Jean Lefever, age 75 of Mattoon, IL formerly of Phoenix, AZ, passed away Monday, August 21, 2023, at her residence.

A committal service will take place at a later date in Elmwood Cemetery in Morning Sun, IA. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn was born on August 18, 1948, in Pana, IL to the late Charles F. and Marilyn J. (Willson) Lefever. She is survived by two brothers, Mark C. Lefever and wife Carolyn of Jasonville, IN, Michael W. Lefever and wife Joyce of Mattoon, IL; two nieces, Alisa Webb and husband Steven of Colora, MD, Shannan Lefever of Wheaton, IL; two nephews, Ryan Lefever of Sunnyvale, CA, Darin Lefever of Warrenville, IL; great-nieces and nephew, Courtney Fisher, Christopher Webb, Grace Barton, and Cora Lefever.

Carolyn was a teacher for many years at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf in Phoenix, AZ. After her retirement, she moved to Mattoon, IL to be close to her brother Michael and his wife Joyce. They had a special bond and spent countless hours enjoying each other's company. She was a doting aunt and never missed an opportunity to spend time with her loved ones.

She was a passionate reader and over the years she kept a journal detailing the books she had read and books she intended on reading. Carolyn was an animal lover and gardener. She enjoyed days under the sun in the garden with her dogs by her side.

Carolyn will be remembered for her strength, independence, and

determination. She will be lovingly remembered.

# Cemetery Details

**Elmwood Cemetery**

Morning Sun, IA

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn J. Lefever*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *My wife and I had the pleasure of working with Carolyn at PDSD. For several years my classroom was across the hallway from hers. She was a dedicated teacher and passionate about teaching reading. She had the ability to inspire her students to improve their skills as well as to become avid readers themselves. I always valued Carolyn's opinion. She would freely give it to me.... whether I asked for it , or not! I admired her honesty , professionalism and hard work. We easily picture her rocking away in a chair while carrying on a conversation. Dave & Karen Karas*

**David Karas** - September 02, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *So very sorry. I thoroughly enjoyed talking with her and hearing her opinions at the last few sessions of our monthly Book Buzz at the Mattoon Public Library. She will be missed. Kathy Thompson*

**Kathy Pardieck Thompson** - August 26, 2023 at 06:55 AM



“ *Wenche Nonaas lit a candle in memory of Carolyn J. Lefever*



**Wenche Nonaas** - August 23, 2023 at 10:41 PM

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“ I just recently met Carolyn when we both attended the Gentle Joints exercise programs at Life Span and the YMCA pool. I wish we had had more time together. And I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Sue Nance** - August 23, 2023 at 01:27 PM