

## Carolyn Varellas-Olree <sup>GH-R</sup>

9-26-2019



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Funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 26th at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Craig Johnson, Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, at the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Des Moines.

Visitation with the family present began at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, one hour prior to the service, at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Carolyn Varellas-Olree Memorial Fund.

Carolyn was born on June 3, 1942, in Goshen, Indiana, the daughter of Harold Nicholas and Mable Eva Peerboom Varellas. She moved with her family to Des Moines in 1946 and was a 1960 graduate of Des Moines Technical High School. While attending high school she worked part-time for C.E. Erickson Company as a draftsman and upon graduation she was employed full-time there. She was also attending Drake University in Des Moines.

Carolyn moved to Caledonia, Michigan, where she was employed with Steelcase, a United States-based furniture company, in Grand Rapids for nearly 40 years. She retired in 2002. She moved to Montezuma in September of 2017 to live with her family and she later moved to Windsor Manor in Grinnell in March of 2019.

In November of 1986, Carolyn was united in marriage with Adrian R. Olree, in Grand Rapids. The couple enjoyed traveling, including abroad to Europe, boating, and fishing on Lake Michigan, and wintering in Florida. She also enjoyed golfing, tennis, and bowling. She was an avid reader.

Carolyn was a visionary in her time and strived to achieve her full potential in the business world. She enjoyed continually taking college classes and furthering her education. She loved learning.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Adrian of Stanwood, Michigan; her twin sister, Marilyn (James) Clingman of Montezuma; her brother, Harold Varellas of Montezuma; a nephew, Jerry (Kim) Clingman of New Virginia; and two great-nephews and one great-niece. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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