



## Mrs. Velma R Carbonara

November 26, 1933 - December 28, 2019

Born in Arkansas to Joseph and Thelma Hicks, Velma was one of 7 children. After losing her mother at a young age, Velma developed an unbreakable bond with her siblings. After graduating high school, Velma moved to Chicago where she met her husband, Mike Carbonara. They married in 1960, built their own home, and raised three children. Velma loved Marquette Manor Baptist Church in Downers Grove where she was a faithful member for over 40 years. A meticulously clean housekeeper, she enjoyed reading, walking, jigsaw puzzles, all things yellow, sweets, Diet Dr. Pepper and Lou Malnati pizza.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; husband Mike, five of her siblings and youngest granddaughter, Alana Bianca Carbonara. She is survived by her sister Ruby, daughter Donna (Randy) Mueller; son Michael (Deanna) Carbonara; son Scott (Jocelyn) Carbonara and grandchildren: James, David, Erika, Stephen, Michael, Chrissy, Jack, and Lauren; step-grandchildren, Sascha & Sierra, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Also,

her loving brothers and sisters in law: Fred (Sandy) Carbonara, the late Alex and Rose Carbonara and the late Pat (Antoinette) Carbonara.

Velma learned the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus as a young adult, and her faith motivated all she did.

Heartfelt thanks to the amazing Heritage Homes' staff in Watertown, WI, where she was lovingly cared for.

She will be missed by all who knew her. Visitation Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Marquette Manor Baptist Church, 333 West 75th Street, Downers Grove, from 9 until 11 A.M. with a Service at 11 A.M. Int. Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

# Comments

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“ Velma was a step Grandma to our kids. We were very involved in different activities at church and so she took on the job of letting our kids sit with her during the services until we could join them. They enjoyed Velma because she became their candy dealer. Velma was very loyal- if she liked something she stuck with it- I had the opportunity to be her Sunday School teacher for several years- some time back I happened to be teaching on heaven- as part of that lesson- we talked about the immigrants coming to this country and meeting at Ellis Island. Typically one family member had gone ahead to the new world and because the arrivals were so crowded they would meet at what became known as "the kissing poles" the place where reunions would take place and the kisses were unlimited. I have no doubt that there are "kissing poles" in heaven. Our family felt it was a privilege to be at Velma and Ruby's funeral- you don't fully know someone until their funeral it seems. Thank you for sharing your stories.

Jayson Deets - January 08 at 07:00 PM

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“ My wonderful aunt never failed to make me a pecan pie every Christmas. As the years went by and our Carbonara get together changed from grammas house to restaurants she would bring pecan cookies and we'd talk about all those pies and we always laughed. I think about this all the time and now with an older perspective I realize the bond we had because of her thoughtfulness. I will always remember her for her great faith and love of family and of course her delicious pecan pie.

patrick carbonara - January 03 at 03:52 PM



“ Thank you Patrick! And we served pecan pie bars in her memory!

Donna Mueller - January 06 at 09:54 AM



“ A very well obit that was written with love. All above was totally her still to the end. She was quite a strong women that always had a smile and a hug. I totally enjoyed caring for her. She enjoyed when we would go "Bumming" as in rides in the country for ice cream. An eloquent lady. Love, Mary

Mary - January 08 at 06:16 PM

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“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma R Carbonara.



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