



Charlene Mae Colangelo

August 25, 1957 - January 11, 2022

Charlene Mae Colangelo, 64, of Latimer, Iowa, passed away on January 11, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. Visitation will be Monday, January 17, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a brief prayer service starting at 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Latimer.

For those unable to attend, Charlene's funeral service will be live streamed via ZOOM. to join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3670133488?pwd=V0VXUEdwd3R4REhwb1E1SE42Ri9hUT09>

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Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through his servant Charlene.

Charlene Mae Colangelo was born in Trenton, New Jersey on August 25, 1957, to parents Ervin George and Charlotte Mae (Bozarth) Elson. She was reborn as a child of God in the waters of Holy Baptism on December 12, 1958. On June 1, 1972, she was confirmed in the Christian faith and was fed the life-giving body and blood of Jesus. She was united in holy marriage to Carl

Colangelo on July 31, 2004 and blessed with 17 years of married life together. On January 11, 2022, God called Charlene home to heaven.

Charlene worked as a Lutheran educator for 42 years, most recently teaching kindergarten through second grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Latimer, Iowa. She earned her teaching degree from Trenton State and taught in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut for a time before moving to Iowa. Her time in the classroom allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of children over the years.

She is survived by her husband Carl Colangelo, sister, Robin (Mark) Arnold, brother, David Elson, nephews, Christopher and Jonathan Arnold, niece, Valerie (Ryan) Loeslie and their children Cara, Vera, Asher and Thomas, cousin, Linda Rodriguez, and many more cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her aunts, Angie and Isabel Colangelo. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our sister Charlene.

Memorial contributions can be made in the form of a donation to St. Paul's Lutheran School. P.O. Box 609 Latimer, Iowa 50452.

Cemetery Details

St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

304 W Main
Latimer, IA 50452

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Paul's Lutheran Church
304 W Main
Latimer, IA 50452

Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ *David's Collogues at Datacolor Inc. NJ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.*



David's Collogues at Datacolor Inc. NJ - January 18, 2022 at 10:48 AM

WG

“ *Wayne and Peggy Gens*

Charlene freely and joyfully gave all her time and talents to Jesus. She sought to serve Him in every way she possibly could. Her example of dedicated humility was a powerful witness to those of us around her. Her great love of and dedication to teaching will be remembered in the lives of hundreds of students past and present. As she walked into glory and into the arms of Jesus, we know she heard, “ Well done, good and faithful servant! “ Robin, Mark, David and Carl, our thoughts and prayers surround you.

Wayne and Peggy Gens - January 17, 2022 at 08:53 PM

BM

“ Dear David, Robin & Carl 🙏
We are so saddened to hear the outcome of Charlene’s battle and yet the Lord had her wrapped in His protective shield throughout the entire experience 🙏
We are heartened that her beloved family was there as she left this veil of tears and was welcomed in to the Banqueting Table of the Most High 🌻...,
and also that you have one another there to uphold, grieve and, when the time comes, to Celebrate her beautiful life.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you now for words fall painfully short of expressing the grief we are feeling and the hope that we are sharing in Christ Jesus knowing that, although Charlene will not return to us., we will certainly join her at that bountiful Banquet where all tears will be permanently wiped away and replaced with Eternal Life , energy, joy, and communion with one another 🌸
Oh what a day that will be 🌟
Loving you all through the tears 💕
Bill & Michele

Bill Millet - January 16, 2022 at 08:12 PM

LF

“ Love, The Randall Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.



Love, The Randall Family - January 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CH

“ *Charlene was one of my first friends when my family and I moved to Bordentown in 1964. I have fond memories of playing together for hours on end. My deepest condolences to her family; I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Christine Evans Higgins

Christine Evans Higgins - January 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM

PO

“ *We were blessed to know Charlene through Carl. We were there the weekend they met at a church retreat, observed the courtship and joyfully participated in the wedding. We loved Charlene and are so thankful she entered into Carl's life and loved him so much. Charlene, we will miss you and your love for God. We will keep Carl, Robin, David and their families in prayer.*

The Olsen Family, Bedford Hills, NY.

peter and april olsen - January 14, 2022 at 09:05 PM

FB

“ *We remember Charlene at Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she taught in the school, Altar Guild member. Women's Guild member, and Sunday school teacher. She was a wonderful Christian women and saved by her faith in Jesus. Our heartfelt prayers go out to Carl, David, Robin and the extended family on their loss.*

Franz and Carol Beismann - January 14, 2022 at 05:51 PM

DC

We would first like to send our sincerest condolences and prayers to Carl, David, Robin and your families. I personally will always remember Charlene in so many ways throughout my life. We were born the same year and grew up together in public school and then Holy Cross Lutheran church and Sunday school. We went on numerous Lutheran women's retreats together and many times were in bible study together. When Charlene became a preschool teacher, we were blessed to have our son in her class. He learned so much from her and I know she touched many lives throughout her teaching career. She was always kind and giving. While we were young and growing up, her grandparents also lived next to my family. My most cherished memory was when I got married in 1981 at Holy Cross and asked Charlene to sing in my wedding. Needless to say she did, and had such a beautiful voice that I will never forget. She also made us a beautiful needlepoint wedding gift which we will always treasure. It gives us such comfort in knowing that God has a special angel in Charlene and we will see her in heaven again some day.

Dave & Linda Csizmadia

Dave & Linda Csizmadia - January 14, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.*



January 14, 2022 at 05:00 PM

WN

“ *Wednesday Night Bible Study Group in NJ purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.*



Wednesday Night Bible Study Group in NJ - January 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

AH

“ *Charlene touched the lives of so many children. She loved teaching but most of all she loved teaching the word of God. You are now with our Lord and Savior, whole and not hurting. You fought a hard fight But now rest in the arms of Jesus. Our condolences are with all of you, Carl, David, Robin and the rest of the family.*
Carl and April Hook



April Hook - January 14, 2022 at 07:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.*



January 13, 2022 at 07:00 PM

GW

“ *Charlene was a giving servant that touched the lives of many in a positive way. The family must be proud. My condolences to Carl, Robin, David and all the family.*

Gwen - January 13, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charlene Mae Colangelo.*



January 13, 2022 at 06:01 PM

NF

“ *She was a great teacher, friend, and above all else, a wonderful Christian that did not hesitate to share her faith with all. You will be missed, Charlene.*

Nancy Freie - January 12, 2022 at 06:00 PM