



Dr. Carla Elaine Samson

September 14, 1951 - February 5, 2020

Carla Elaine Ruffing Samson was born to Carl and Connie Ruffing on September 14, 1951. She was born again in Jesus in Holy Baptism later in 1951 and fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. She married Don Samson in 1973 and from that union came three children: Joseph Carl (and Sonia Sharmin), Zachary James, and Emily Mae (and Christian Guachamin).

Dr. Samson was a board-certified family practitioner who was also certified in preventive services and hospice/palliative care. She considered her years teaching at the Belleville family practice program her years of greatest personal growth and professional satisfaction. She participated in mission trips to use her eyes and hands and replenish her soul. She later opened her practice in Millstadt, Illinois, where she established physician-patient relationships and friendships that lasted a lifetime.

A special thanks to her dream team, Mary Hollenkamp, Laura Remelius, Joan Spencer, Zach Samson, Emily Samson, and Don Samson, for their loving care and for quite literally saving her life on several occasions.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt, Illinois, with a service beginning at 4 pm.

Memorials appreciated to Clarity Foundation, Family Hospice, or Trinity Lutheran Church.

“Be joyful in hope, be patient in tribulation, but be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12.

For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com.

Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt, IL, handled arrangements.

Events

FEB **Visitation**02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
Millstadt, IL, US

FEB **Memorial Service**04:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
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Comments



“ My sincere sympathy to dr carla’s husband and children et al! she was my dr for a few years until I remarried and became a pat of dr weis. One memory I have of dr Samson was watching her rush into the ER at st elizabeth’s in Belleville. She had two children in tow and I assumed they were dr samson’s kids. I also assumed that she was going to be a pt who was in the ER...and her kids were possibly taken care of by the ER clerks while dr Samson went to be with her pt!!

joanne jung(formerly altepeter) - February 10 at 10:22 PM



“ I met Dr. Samson when she was with the resident program. For a time she delivered babies at BMH and I had occasions to see her comforting and quiet care. Over the years our paths crossed. She was a blessing to her patients.

cheryl fancher - February 09 at 03:35 PM



“ I didn’t know Carla very well but my sister, Laura, loved her and took very good care of her for these past few years and I know Carla was a very special loving and caring person and how everyone will miss her so much.

Alana - February 09 at 02:59 PM



“ God must have needed a wonderful Doctor. Dr. Sam lovingly cared for my wife Dorothy for more than 30 years, and myself. I loved this lady, and her "Team." My family loved her also. Dr. Sam was a gracious giver, and will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

Ivan Lee Woods
CMS, USAF (Retired)

Ivan Lee Woods - February 09 at 12:10 PM



“ It is very rare to be able to say you were "best friends" with someone for 50 years -- particularly when you live in different areas of the country. Our friendship began in college, and endured over the miles and years, and, when we needed the support, we somehow were there for one another. Carla made me a better person -- more sensitive, more considerate, a better listener, and more God centered. We shared so many joys and managed so many sorrows!! I will miss my dear, dear friend, yet continue to enjoy her through friendship with her sweet husband and marvelous kids.

Thoughts of her are kisses from an angel.

Brenda Boyko - February 09 at 10:06 AM



“ Carla was a friend from high school, a friend from La Lethe League, and my doctor. She was an awesome woman who cared about people. I will miss her but will remember her always. Lynn Hegeman

Lynn Hegeman - February 09 at 09:49 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Don and the kids. She was a great person. A great Dr., swim team mom, the list can go on and on. She will be greatly missed.

Karen Newman - February 09 at 08:59 AM



“ Sharon Vollmer & Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



Sharon Vollmer & Family - February 08 at 11:55 AM



“ Carla was my doctor (and most of my family's) for over 30 years. She was not just my doctor, she was my friend. I first went to her when she was pregnant with her first son. We shared a lot of stories and cried together on more than one occasion. She delivered our first grandchild and took care of my mother for 30 plus years until her death at the age of 95. She was literally the best person I have ever known. I prayed for her every night for 7 years. I am profoundly sorry that she lost her battle. My sympathy and prayers are now with your family. An angel on earth is gone.

Sharon Vollmer

Sharon Vollmer - February 08 at 11:17 AM



“ Carla was the best she was not only a dr she was a truly amazing person she was my dr for many years she is beautifully amazing person that will surely be missed thoughts and prayers to her family



“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I have never been able to find the words in times like this to express my sadness. My heart goes out to your family.

I did not know Carla well. Don was my college roommate at UH, and they were married after graduation. We had gone separate ways finding our way in the world, but I did meet Carla and knew they were a perfect match.

Don, I'm thinking about you, ol' pal. Blessings and take heart.

Condolences,

Allen Keith

Allen Keith - February 08 at 09:52 AM



“ Rest in peace Dr Samson, I have known your gentle ways since you graduated, learned at your side and grew as an RN under your guiding gentle ways. The world has truly lost a great person. My prayers are with you and your family.



margaret m hoffmann - February 08 at 08:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 08 at 12:29 AM



“ I first met Dr Samson when she was interning at St. Elizabeth’s. I gained deep respect and love for her from the beginning. She truly cared for her patient’s . I knew when my family dr. retired , there was only one Dr. I wanted to go to. She always had time for you, listened intently to our complaints, and took extra time to get to know us as individuals. My husband and I have missed her very much. She was really a wonderful human being. I am so sorry for your loss! Cindy Phillips

Cindy Phillips - February 07 at 09:32 PM



“ Dr. Carla delivered my second baby. While I was in labor and pushing, I looked between my knees to see her and my husband who worked for Purina Mills discussing llama chow. It was funny then, and it still brings a sweet smile to my face when I think of her. Rest in peace sweet lady. Karena Elliott and Family

Karena Elliott - February 07 at 08:31 PM



“ Carla was everything I strive to be as a physician. She was a wonderful human. I know she will be missed by many.

Julie Wittenauer - February 07 at 07:04 PM



“ I am stunned and saddened. I was convinced Carla would would beat this. She was such an angel, always helping others. I will never forget her kindness, and her sense of humor, the weekends visiting her, Don and the kids with Laura. Those were great times, the infamous gift exchange at christmas and the time i tried to help get her llama into a trailer. Great times with a great family. She was funny, irreverent, so giving, smart and so easy going. She always had that wonderful smile when you saw her and she would light up and ask how you were doing. She always made us feel so welcome in her home. We miss you Carla...so much

Chet Ratcliffe - February 07 at 07:02 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.





“ I am so very sorry, God bless you all during this time. I pray God helps ease the pain. Carla was such a loving caring woman, She would always make me laugh as I cut her hair and she would give me advice on my family, life and health. I'm so happy and thankful to have known such a wonderful woman like Carla
Love Julia Marion



Julia Marion - February 07 at 05:15 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 07 at 04:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 07 at 04:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear and sending deepest sympathy to Carla's family! I went to Zion Lutheran Grade School and Belleville East High School with Carla and she was always so sweet, kind, smart, fun, beautiful, and everyone loved her!

Karen Ross

Karen Ross - February 07 at 03:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 07 at 02:56 PM



“ More than once She put her arms around me as I dealt with a health related problem. She cared, she she cared so much. It was always evident in her care. My heart is broken for the loss of the world of such a lovely person. moreover, my heart is broken for her wonderful family. She loved you all so much. That too was evident in our conversations. I love this dear lady and will miss her always. Condolences to Don, Joe, Zach and Emily and your lovely spouses.

Judy Hand - February 07 at 01:05 PM



“ Carla was a bright light in my world. Her smile and kindness was palpable and I was so grateful to have known her and practiced yoga with her over the years. Sending so much love and prayers to her family.

LeeAnn Zigler - February 07 at 12:54 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences. Carla was a beautiful woman, both inside and out, who touched the lives of many.

Theresa Moore - February 07 at 12:28 PM



“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the Samson family. Carla was an amazing, caring woman whose smile would brighten up any room. She was an incredibly strong woman that put up an amazing fight. She will be missed by many. Much love sent to you all at this difficult time. ♀ ♀



Nanette Galvin - February 07 at 12:22 PM



“ I feel blessed having known her. She embodied all that is good and had an incredible spirit that was evident in all she did. She will be so missed. Sleep well, Carla

Denise Argo - February 07 at 07:59 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Carla in the years she delivered babies at Saint Elizabeth's. I knew her well when she was pregnant with her children and we shared many memories and events together. She was such a mentor and a beautiful person inside and out. I will always remember you sweet Carla, you gave your heart and soul to every patient you ever encountered. Rest In Peace. You battle is done!
Renee Junker

renee Junker - February 07 at 07:49 AM



“ We think we speak for the BTHSE Class of 69 in sending our sincere condolences to Carla's family. We loved her way back then and were sorry that she was unable to attend the reunion last September. We will always remember her fondly.

We pray that you are comforted by your faith and your memories of your wife and mom.

Jeff and Linda Uhl

Jeff Uhl - February 07 at 07:37 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 06 at 10:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Carla Elaine Samson.



February 06 at 10:20 PM



“ Dr Samson was the most giving selfless person ive ever worked with. She loved all her residents and always saw the good in everyone. She will be greatly missed. May she and her family know peace. God bless. Ellen McGee

ellen mcgee - February 06 at 09:48 PM



“ Carla was the best doctor I ever had. Kind and caring always.
Prayers for her family.
Millie Koudelka

millie koudelka - February 06 at 08:26 PM



“ Carla was a joyful and happy young lady in high school who spoke well of everyone. We knew she was destined for great things. I will forever hold her dear in my heart for the care she administered to my aging parents. They're holding a seat at the table, I'm sure. My deepest condolences to her family.

Mona Lopez Taylor - February 06 at 07:36 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family! Dr. Sampson was a selfless person. She was our family doctor. We sat and cried talking about her mother and my mother. She visited my mom at our house when we brought her home to pass! Carla and my mom cried while I cried. I will never forget her love she offered her patients. I know you will miss her terribly. Your prayers are with you! Jean and Bill Kunkle and family!

Jean and Bill Kunkle and family - February 09 at 08:06 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Carlas passing. she was my Doctor from the time she opened her practice In Millstadt. she was the most caring and compassionate Dr. I have ever had, I truly loved her and never ceased to pray for her when she became ill. I would always ask how she was doing. I was hoping she would beat it. my deepest sympathy to the family. she was a wonderful lady and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Gladys Forbeck - February 17 at 03:42 PM