



Carleen Whiteman Zagorski

December 15, 1945 - July 5, 2022

Carleen Whiteman (Nee Culbreth) Zagorski, age 76, of Lewes, DE, formerly of Lionville and Trainer, PA, passed away into Eternity in the early morning hours of July 5, 2022, at Delaware Hospice Center with her daughter Amy Catherine Zagorski and son Matthew Carl Richard Zagorski at her side. Carleen "Leenie" was the second daughter born to Carl Cherfus and Helen (Née Whiteman) Culbreth on the cold snowy day of December 15, 1945.

Carleen grew up in Trainer, Pennsylvania but attended school in Boca Raton, Florida for extended family stays. A high school graduate of Sun Valley High School, class of 1966, Carleen found employment at Boeing before joining Aero Mexico Airlines. Through her high school best friend, Carleen met the love of her life, on a Labor Day weekend blind date, Richard Victor Zagorski, from Northeast Philadelphia.

Carleen and Richard (a Hewlett Packard employee and Drexel University graduate) married and became the wonderful parents of Amy and Matthew Zagorski and relocated to Lionville, PA. After almost six amazing years of marriage, Richard Zagorski passed away at the young age of 42, leaving Carleen widowed with young Amy and Matthew. While still in Lionville, tragedy struck again with a house fire and then again with a separate car fire in the early 1980's. Carleen persevered with her faith in God and notorious sense of humor and found a career at Synthes USA, Xerox Connect, and Lighthammer before moving to Lewes, DE in 2004.

Leenie was a very familiar face at Beebe Hospital working in the Guest Relations Department at the greeter desk and as a phone operator. As health issues started to persist, Carleen decided to retire from Beebe hospital in 2016 as a ten-year dedicated employee. Carleen loved her Savior Jesus the Christ and the United States of America, cherishing her freedom.

Carleen left behind her beloved children; Amy and Matthew, her sister, Mary Ann King; her brother-in-law, George King; her Chihuahua, Tinker, and a multitude of friends that were made anywhere she went.

All Services will be private.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Samaritans Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>) or Delaware Hospice (<https://www.delawarehospice.org/donate/>).

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Amy & Matthew , Nelson and I are heartbroken to hear this very sad news of your mother’s passing. We will cherish so many great memories with her. I always said , she was like a second mother to me at work. She was an amazing person, with a personality like no other. I will miss her dearly. God bless , take care of each other.

Nelson & Donna Pennypacker

Donna pennypacker - August 28 at 12:49 PM

RZ

“ Miss you Carleen- though our time together was short due life and it’s difficulties and trivialities I have great memories at Disneyland, Jersey shore and playing the pool. So glad we were able to connect again. Love Ron

Ron Zagorski - July 17 at 09:21 PM

SK

“ So sorry to hear of Carleen’s passing. I worked with her at Beebe Hospital. I love working with Carleen and listening to all her stories she made me laugh every day. She would always bring me a bag of butterscotch candies. After she left Beebe she would come in for testing and still bring me in a bag of candy! She will truly be missed!

Sheleigh Knollinger - July 13 at 06:39 AM

AZ

Hi Sheleigh,
Thank you so much. Her stories always had us laughing for sure. 💕

amy zagorski - July 14 at 07:57 PM

CO

“ I remember when my young son met Mrs. Zagorski for the first time one hot summer, as he marveled at what he assumed to be their shared southern upbringing. Her graceful charm, serpentine wit, and gracious welcome made him feel as she made me feel whenever I, too, spent time with her - perfectly at home.

Christy Obercian - July 09 at 07:17 AM

AZ

Dear Christy, Thank you so much for sharing, we often would quote Devon... asking if these were complementary. What a great memory 😊

amy zagorski - July 14 at 08:00 PM



“ Amy, Matt, Mary Ann and George, so sorry to hear of Carleen’s passing. My sister Andrea and I have many fond memories of growing up next door to the Culbreths in Trainer. Thinking of you all and sending prayers. Rosemary Moran DeMaio

Rosemary DeMaio - July 08 at 06:52 PM

AZ

Hi Rosemary, Thank you so much 💕💕 We brought moms Bible for her service, and found your Dad and Alisons prayer cards. I know she prayed for you often and loved you so much.

amy zagorski - July 14 at 07:55 PM

AZ

“ 2000’s 💕💕



amy zagorski - July 08 at 04:18 PM

AZ

“ 80&90s



amy zagorski - July 08 at 04:13 PM

AZ

“ My mom & dad engagement, marriage and welcoming children. 💕💕



amy zagorski - July 08 at 03:24 PM

AZ

“ My moms childhood pictures 💕💕



amy zagorski - July 08 at 03:18 PM

JB

“ What a beautiful tribute to the funny, deeply loyal, and fierce loving Mrs. Z. I am forever grateful for her raising my best friend of 25+ years. She instilled the most amazing traits in both her children. Jesus loving, perseverance, full of wisdom and insight that makes you appreciate every conversation, sense of humor, intense loyalty that makes you feel loved to no end. I feel peace knowing she has been welcomed through the gates for eternal life. We will once again be together where I will experience her genuine laugh that brings so much joy. All my love to Amy, Matthew, Nan, George, and Tink.
Praying for comfort, strength, and peace,
Jaci

jaci Beecher - July 08 at 01:51 PM

AZ

Dear Jaci, Thank you so much 💕💕 Little did we know all of those amazing traits that she instilled in us will be needed most as we morning her. 💕💕

amy zagorski - July 14 at 08:06 PM

MR

“ Dear Matt & Amy-

I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. We worked together at Xerox, and I have many fond memories of our time together. Her personality and laugh was infectious and it was so awesome to see her smiling face everyday. Although I have not seen her for many years, I will never forget her beautiful face and charm. God rest you Leenie. 🙏

*May God grace you with his strength and peace now and forevermore.
With my sincere sympathy,
Marie Rissell*

Marie Rissell - July 07 at 07:09 PM

WA

*Amy and Matt,
Mike and I are so sad to learn about your mom passing away. She was so loved by everyone who knew her. When we met your mom at Beebe, we became instant friends. You know she never forgot my Birthday and always arrived at my door with that beautiful coconut cake. I don't need to tell you that your mom loved God and had an unconditional love for you and Matt. She will never be forgotten and Leenie, "thanks for the memories".
Our Love to you both,
Mike and Wendell*

Wendell Alfred - July 08 at 08:11 AM

AZ

Dear Marie- Thank you so much for sharing your lovely memories of our mom. We all loved to hear her stories of work, she always had a way making everything funny💕💕

amy zagorski - July 14 at 08:12 PM

AZ

*Dear Wendel and Mike-
Thank you so much for your note 😊 I know your birthday is coming up, and believe it or not, mom already had everything for your cake:) I will be bring it over 💕💕*

amy zagorski - July 14 at 08:14 PM