



## Carole I. Augustin

December 4, 1935 - June 20, 2025

Carole I. Augustin, age 89 of Pocahontas, IL, died Friday, June 20, 2025, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, December 4, 1935, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Alvin C. and Pauline E. (nee Messerli) Mettler.

On Friday, January 27, 1956, she married Burnell J. Augustin at Grantfork UCC in Grantfork, IL, who passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Carole was born in Highland, Illinois and raised in Grantfork. She attended rural grade schools in the Highland School District, 5 of the 8 years her mother was her teacher. Carole graduated from Highland High School as co-valedictorian with the class of 1953. Upon graduation she worked for an attorney for several years. After her marriage to Burnell in 1956, he served in the military and Carole was able to join him at Fort Polk, LA. While she was with him, Carole held a civic service position in the medical supply office. When he was discharged from the service they returned to the dairy and grain farm where he had lived with his parents. While living on the farm, Carole cooked, helped with farming operations, had a vegetable and flower garden and raised their family. She had a seasonal position as a tax preparer, office supervisor and instructor at H & R Block for 37 years. She also held an enrolled agent certification with the IRS for most of those 37 years until her

retirement.

Carole & Burnell belonged to Grantfork UCC their entire lives where she served as organist and choir director for over 70 years. She volunteered and enjoyed serving as pianist at several local nursing and retirement homes entertaining the residents. Carole served on the Hitz Home Auxiliary Board for several years as well.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Teri L. (Michael) Testerman, Granite City, IL

Son - Brent D. (Denise) Augustin, Highland, IL

Son - Bruce J. (Cynthia) Augustin, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Courtney L. (Joshua) Geidel, Warrensburg, MO

Grandchild - Colin M. Testerman, Osage Beach, MO

Grandchild - Lori Elizabeth "Beth" Patrick) Niemeyer, Breese, IL

Grandchild - Matthew E. Augustin, Grantfork, IL

Great Grandchild - Graham J. Geidel, Warrensburg, MO

Great Grandchild - Bennett M. Geidel, Warrensburg, MO

Great Grandchild - Maren E. Geidel, Warrensburg, MO

Nieces – Debbie Meffert, Peggy A. (Randy) Haukap and Donna J. (David)

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Nephew - Brad C. (s/o – Marissa Sumptar) Mettler

Sister-In-Law – Ellen Mettler, Godfrey, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Husband - Burnell J. Augustin, died 1/25/2019

Father - Alvin Charles Mettler - Died 3/25/1975

Mother - Pauline Emma Mettler. nee Messerli - Died 8/21/2004

Daughter - Lori K. Augustin - Died 8/12/1979

Niece – Judith A. Glassmaker – Died 7/7/2024

Brother – Larry C. Mettler – Died 2/15/2020

Brother-In-Law – Eugene A. Meffert – Died 10/1/2012

Sister-In-Law – Betty J. Meffert – Died 8/26/1988

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Nancy Brooks, pastor, Grantfork UCC, officiating.

Interment will be at Grantfork U.C.C. Cemetery in Grantfork, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dubois Center or Grantfork UCC.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Visitation

JUN 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grantfork United Church of Christ  
206 South Locust Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 675-2595

## Funeral Service

JUN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grantfork United Church-Christ  
206 S Locust St  
Highland, IL 62249

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Tracy and Mark Swanson and the Mighions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carole I. Augustin.

Tracy and Mark Swanson and the Mighions - June 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM

TM

“ Tracy and Mark Swanson and the Mighions purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carole I. Augustin.



Tracy and Mark Swanson and the Mighions - June 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DT

“ Direct Attack Software Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carole I. Augustin.

Direct Attack Software Team - June 27, 2025 at 10:01 AM

DT

“ Direct Attack Software Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carole I. Augustin.



Direct Attack Software Team - June 27, 2025 at 10:01 AM

LF

“ *Carole brought song and joy to my heart and the hearts of so many. So grateful to have her as a role model while growing up. Sending prayers to the family.*

Lesa (Kraus) Friedrich - June 25, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SL

“ *Sam and Barbara Livingston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carole I. Augustin.*



Sam and Barbara Livingston - June 24, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LB

“ *For as long as I can remember Carol was a neighbor, friend, and fellow church member to our family. Her contagious laugh is still heard, echoing in my memory and all the choir rehearsals, faithful piano and organ playing made her a part of the fabric and foundation of Grantfork UCC. She always had something good to say, a smile to share, and an immaculate garden for all to enjoy as we drove by. The neighborhood is forever changed now that she has passed into her heavenly home. She will be greatly missed.*

Lynda Brill - June 23, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother. She and your family have been and will continue to be special to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Don and Iris Miller*

Don and Iris Miller - June 23, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JK

“ Carol was a true lady of faith. She always had a smile for you and she cared about everyone. Rest in peace Carol. You will forever be missed.

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**Jan Kreutzberg** - June 23, 2025 at 03:13 PM

LE

“ As a child I remember how calm and encouraging Carole was to all the children at the Grantfork school while practicing and performing the plays/musicals. As an adult I was privileged to know her as a caring neighbor with beautiful flowers surrounding her home. She will be missed.

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**Laurie Eilers** - June 23, 2025 at 02:11 PM