



## Carolynn E. Luce

January 4, 1956 - January 6, 2026

Carolynn Luce, 70, of Central City, passed away as a result of a car accident on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. We will miss her dearly, but we know, having decided many years ago to trust Jesus Christ as her Savior, she is in His presence now. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 12, at Community Bible Church in Central City. Visitation with the family will be from 5-7 pm on Sunday, January 11, also at the church.

Carolynn was born in Groton, MA, on January 4, 1956, to Wesley and Elizabeth (Spence) Luce of Hollis, NH. She graduated from Hollis Area High School in 1974, excelling in basketball and softball.

She worked for several years at Cromwell Children's Home in Connecticut. In 2002, she adopted Georgia McCray-Luce, and her life was changed as she dedicated herself to raising Georgia and supporting her future grandchildren. During her Connecticut years, her love of

sports included season tickets to UCONN Husky Women's Basketball games. She was a constant supporter of her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews' many activities. She was an avid, dedicated fan, taking every opportunity to encourage them.

In 2010, Carolynn moved to Central City to be closer to her sisters and father. She worked at the Senior Center and met many new friends.

In 2017, she began her role as an irreplaceable part of the heart of the Merrick County Child Development Center. Over the years, Ms. Carolynn was like a Grandma to so many of the children who had the opportunity to know and love her deeply. Over the last 9 years, she touched an extraordinary number of lives as she greeted children as they arrived every day, held them during story time, rocked them to sleep, and helped them with crafts.

She was a faithful member of Community Bible Church in Central City, serving in Awana, Women's Ministries, and Youth Group over the years.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Georgia of Central City; grandchildren Anisha, Ruxin, Jaxon, Nkenna, Lota, and Empress; brothers Jim (Jane) Luce of SC, David (Donna) Luce of NH, Dan (Kelly) Luce of NH and Stephen Luce of NH; sisters Marilynn (Ed)

Ritta of Marquette, Priscilla Milby of Fullerton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wesley and Elizabeth Luce; sisters-in-law, Beverly Luce and Kathy Luce; and brother-in-law, Marty Milby.

To continue Carolynn's influence on Central City's children and their families, memorials are suggested to the Merrick County Child Development Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Community Bible Church  
403 F Avenue  
Central City, NE 68826

## Funeral Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Community Bible Church  
403 F Avenue  
Central City, NE 68826

# Tribute Wall

CS

“Carolynn was a bright light among those I call “Friends.” She radiated kindness and I loved to see her laugh. She is gone too soon but I know she walks with God and what could be better than that!

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**Charlene Swanson** - January 12 at 10:17 AM

DD

“While we didn't know Carolyn we know family and wish to send our prayers for the family as they walk through and grieve loss of their loved one.

*Barry and Denise Denning.*

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**Denise Denning** - January 12 at 09:08 AM

KS

“Carolynn was a wonderful classmate of mine when we were in high school. Her kindness to everyone in the class was an amazing gift that she shared. One of my fond memories was watching her on the basketball court. It's wonderful to know that she continued her kindness in touching so many lives. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers. Treasure the wonderful memories you have, In this way she will always be with you. Karen Kibby

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**Karen Kibby Stearns** - January 11 at 07:30 PM

DC

“ *Carolynn is well remembered for her love for children at The Childrens home. She cared for and nurtured the children and adolescents in her care as a supervisor of the girls units as well as proving overall responsibilities for the general care as a supervisor of programs at The Childrens Home.  
Peace be to her memory.  
David Carlson*

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**david carlson** - January 11 at 05:16 PM

SJ

“ *Shawna J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolynn E. Luce.*

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**Shawna J.** - January 11 at 05:14 PM

GP

“ *Our condolences to Carolynn's family and friends*

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**George Palmer** - January 11 at 02:51 PM

SH

“ *My deepest syn-athy to all who loved Carolynn. She was a very special person.*

*Steve Hodge*

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**steve Hodge** - January 11 at 12:35 PM

CW

“ *I'm so sorry and saddened, to hear about Carolynn's passing. I was a high school, classmate of hers, for a few years in Hollis, NH and I remember she was always such a kind person, nice to everyone, I liked her. God bless and comfort, your family and loved ones.*

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**Cathie Wright** - January 10 at 09:54 PM

SB

“ Sending condolences and prayers for Carolynn’s spirit, and to her family and friends. I remember her from our days as classmates in Hollis. She was smart, kind, funny, a fantastic athlete, and - most memorably - unfailingly kind. 🕊️ 🙏 🍀

Susan Brigham - January 10 at 07:33 PM

KM

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear about Carolynn, one of my best friends since third grade. Although we lost touch after high school, I've always had a fond place in my heart for her. I send deepest sympathies to the Luce and Spence families.  
Kathy Drisko Metivier

Kathy Drisko Metivier - January 10 at 04:44 PM

JN

“ Joyce Wright, a friend from Hollis, NH purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolynn E. Luce.



Joyce Wright, a friend from Hollis, NH - January 10 at 12:02 PM

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CF

“ Curfman family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
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**Curfman family** - January 10 at 10:04 AM

TR

“ Tom & Jody Ritta purchased the Emerald Garden  
Basket for the family of Carolynn E. Luce.



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**Tom & Jody Ritta** - January 10 at 12:11 AM

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“ Tom & Jody Ritta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolynn E. Luce.

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**Tom & Jody Ritta** - January 10 at 12:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Carolynn E. Luce.



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January 09 at 10:02 PM

CC

“ I am truly saddened to learn of Carolynn’s passing. My thoughts are with Carolynn’s family and friends, especially her siblings, daughter and grandchildren.

How lucky I was to have Carolynn as a childhood friend and playmate. Living across the street from each other we spent a lot of time together. We both loved the outdoors, playing sports, kick-the-can, croquet, especially basketball, and riding our bikes around the neighborhood. We sure did have fun and enjoyed each other’s company. Although we lost touch as we grew older those childhood memories are truly special.

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

Cameron (Demers) Cassidy

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Cameron (Demers) Cassidy - January 09 at 09:38 PM

LH

“ Lori & Jeff Hammett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolynn E. Luce.

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Lori & Jeff Hammett - January 09 at 01:47 PM



“ Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Carolynn E. Luce.



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January 09 at 12:37 PM

JN

“ Jim Janie, AJ Jenna, Jake Shelby & Nora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolynn E. Luce.

Jim Janie, AJ Jenna, Jake Shelby & Nora - January 09 at 12:37 PM

LK

“ Love, Lorna and Ron Kenney purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carolynn E. Luce.



Love, Lorna and Ron Kenney - January 09 at 02:07 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolynn E. Luce.



January 08 at 09:07 PM

LI

“ carolynn was the best person ever. I remember her from my daycare she watched me and little sis grow up i had carolynn for 14 years. If it wasnt for her I wouldnt be friends with anisha but thankfully anisha is now my best friend and I wouldnt have my best friend any other way. all of us from daycare and my family will miss u so much rest in peace carolynn we love u so much. Anisha im so sorry for your loss u dont deserve all this pain. u deserve love and caring etc. I'll be here for u anisha just a message away.

lizzy - January 08 at 06:04 PM

KH

“Carolyn was a neighbor of mine for awhile. She was the kindest and friendly person. A great soul

*My deepest sympathy.*

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**Karen Hookstra** - January 08 at 04:45 PM