

# CAROLYN ELIZABETH (EMMONS) SUTHERLAND



Passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the age of 87. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 7, 1936 to Maude Adams and Reginald Farrar Emmons and grew up in the small Boston suburb of Needham. After graduating from Needham High School and later Westbrook College in Portland, Maine, she took a job as a stenographer at Pratt

and Whitney in Hartford, Connecticut where she met her husband of 61 years, John Dewey "Jack" Sutherland. They were married on June 2, 1962 in Needham.

Carol devoted her life to the care of others—from her husband, children, and grandchildren, to her church, community, and beyond. She placed great value on raising her children and supporting her husband. Together, Carol and Jack created a beautiful life for their family. Carol's unwavering dedication allowed Jack's engineering career to flourish, taking them from Connecticut to California, then to Pittsburgh, Florida, and finally back to Pittsburgh in 1984—raising their three children along the way. Carol immediately found her place within the faith and fellowship of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she faithfully served as an Elder, Stephen Minister, and devoted member of The Chancel Choir.

As a long-time volunteer of the Washington Area Humane Society, Carol fulfilled another of her life's missions—the care and love of animals. Where there was Carol, there were dogs. An enormous part of Carol's life was joyfully sharing her beloved golden retriever therapy dog, Gordon. She delighted in seeing faces light up when they saw Gordon—from elderly parishioners in her church, to children with special needs at The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, to dog-loving friends and family members, most especially her eight grandchildren. She found it so rewarding to spread joy and bring a smile to everyone.

Carol was fiercely compassionate, and approached life with wit and optimism. This innately positive perspective on life afforded her the ability—even in the most trying of circumstances—to always have a smile on her face. She will be deeply missed.

Carol was the beloved wife of John Dewey Sutherland; devoted mother of Jill Sutherland Langella (Mike) of Atlanta, GA, Peter Emmons Sutherland of Mt. Lebanon, PA, and Carrie Sutherland Watkins of Mt. Lebanon, PA; loving grandma of Caroline Langella, Grace Langella, Molly Langella, William Sutherland, Laura Jane Sutherland, Connor Watkins, Kyle Watkins, and Kaci Watkins; younger sister of John Farrar Emmons of Venice, FL; and mother-in-law of Becky J. Sutherland of Irvington, VA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 1pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by **BEINHAUER**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241, <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>, or the Washington Area Humane Society, 1527 PA-136, Eighty Four, PA 15330, [www.washingtonpashelter.org/donate/](http://www.washingtonpashelter.org/donate/).

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