



Carolyn Palmer

August 27, 1957 - December 6, 2025

Carolyn Palmer, 68, of Zeeland, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Carolyn was born in Pope, Mississippi, on August 27, 1957, to Carl Finch and Hattie (Kehoe) Finch. She graduated high school and later met William Palmer Sr. at a dance in Batesville, Mississippi. Bill Palmer had returned home to the U.S after serving as a marine in Vietnam. In 1976 Carolyn and Bill married. In 1980, Carolyn and Bill moved to West Michigan and raised their two sons in Zeeland. Bill and Carolyn always worked hard, and both worked at Corlett-Turner for many years. Carolyn worked at Corlett-Turner from 1981 until 2025.

Carolyn and Bill were a great team. They worked together on everything, Carolyn often on thinking things through and Bill making it all happen. Carolyn and Bill were also generous and kind, they opened their home to anyone who needed a hand or a place to stay.

She is survived by her son William Palmer Jr., her son Jeremy (Krista) Palmer, grandchildren: Alyssa Palmer, Zan Howerton, Dewey Palmer, Brody Palmer, Charlie Palmer; great-grandchild Harleigh, siblings: Sissy, Mary, DeDe, Barbara, Joann, Vernon, Charles, Chet; in-laws: Willy Erwin, Chuck Erwin, Kathy Erwin, Jean Palmer, Peggy Rubino; and many extended family

members. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Bill Palmer, in September of 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S, State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery (Felch Street Cemetery). Visitation will be 10:00-10:45 am Tuesday, prior to the funeral service.

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Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Felch Street)

10101 Felch Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 S State St
Zeeland , MI 49464
(616) 772-2173
info@yntemafh.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Prior to the Funeral Service

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 11:35 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Palmer* ”



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - December 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM

SI

“ Someone keeps removing this but I'll keep re-posting 😊🙋🌻
On Friday, December 6, we lost a remarkable woman at the age of 68 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Though her journey was difficult, she faced it with strength, dignity, and grace—the same qualities that defined her entire life.

She was a woman of kindness and generosity. If you needed something and she had it, it was yours. She gave freely of herself, not for recognition, but because caring for others was simply who she was.

For 47 years, she dedicated herself to the same company, showing loyalty and perseverance that few can match. For nearly 50 years, she shared her life with her beloved husband, building a marriage rooted in love, laughter, and resilience. Together they raised two sons, each unique in his own way, but both deeply loved.

She was not wealthy in material things, but she was rich beyond measure in love. She loved good music, she loved to laugh, and she had a quiet wisdom that surfaced when truth needed to be spoken. She was never judgmental, always compassionate, and when she chose to speak, her words carried eloquence and enlightenment.

She was the strongest woman we have ever known. Her strength was not loud or boastful, but steady and unshakable. She faced life's challenges with courage, and she gave those around her the gift of unwavering support.

She will be deeply missed—by her family, her friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Though she is gone, her legacy of love, laughter, and strength will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Sister - December 12, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MR

Very true words. She was the best.

Mary Reed - December 12, 2025 at 07:22 PM

CM

She was the greatest

charles mathis - December 14, 2025 at 07:27 PM

MM

“ *I loved working with you and both of us complaining about this and that about work and other things. You had a heart of gold miss Carol; I will miss you deeply.*

Mary Morren - December 12, 2025 at 03:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Palmer.*



December 11, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MR

“ Dear sister: thank you for being you. A person with a heart of gold who saw good in everyone. You never liked to hurt anyone's feelings even if they deserved it. You took after our Mommy with the green thumb. The most beautiful rose bushes anyone could have. It always filled my heart when I would come to Michigan and see the yellow rose bush you planted for Josh and the red for momma. You dedicated your life to your family and work. Always putting others before yourself. I am going to miss you much. My heart is so broken but I praise God you are in his arms, resting. Forever thankful he gave you to me as a sister. Forever thankful for all the great memories I have of us from childhood thru old lady hood. RIP my sister because you deserve every ounce of it. I love you.



Mary Reed - December 11, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CM

So beautiful Reene

charles mathis - December 11, 2025 at 05:22 PM

KB

“ Auntie Carol you will be missed deeply.



Kathryn Belin - December 11, 2025 at 08:37 AM

CM

Thanks

charles mathis - December 14, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MR

“ *Mary Reed lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Palmer*



Mary Reed - December 10, 2025 at 06:37 PM