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It's hard to imagine a world without the woman who served as our family's steady heartbeat for over a century. After 101 incredible years, Caroline Eleanor Anderson has peacefully moved on to be with her Lord and her beloved husband, Carl.

A lifetime Michigan and long-time Muskegon resident, she was born in Grant to Otis Shears and Eleanor Overla. Throughout her life, Caroline was defined by quiet strength and unexpected bravery. At just 18 years old—reminiscent of the great wartime love stories—she hopped a train across the country to marry the love of her life, Carl, a WWII serviceman home from the Pacific on short leave. They took their vows at midnight in the living room of the only clergyman they could find; that bold journey began a 75-year marriage and a lifetime of devotion.

During World War II, she proudly supported the war effort as a "Rosie the Riveter," working on an airplane engine assembly line at Continental Motors and contributing her labor and spirit to the home front.

To live to 101 is a gift, but to live it with as much kindness and patience as Caroline did is a true legacy. A selfless woman of faith and family, she was a longtime member of Anchor Point Bible Church. She will be remembered for her wit, her warmth, and the way she made everyone feel like they belonged.

While our hearts are heavy, we find peace knowing she is finally back in Carl's arms. After a few years apart since his passing in 2019, the greatest love story our family has known is whole again.

Caroline's legacy lives on through her daughter, Chris Ann Jett; her grandchildren, Heather (Kyle) Hansen and Dustin (Alicia) Jett; and her seven great-grandchildren: Seth, Madeleine, Chloe, Ella, Lucy, Lexi, and Emra. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, her parents, and her seven siblings.



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We offer our sincere appreciation to the many friends and relatives who brightened her final years. To Sandy Hosko, Sally Hendricks, and Karen Skuse: your friendship was a true gift.

Our family also extends our deepest gratitude to her hospice team—especially Christine, Kim, and Amy—who provided not just exceptional care, but true friendship.

In accordance with Caroline's wishes, there will be no formal service. For those who wish to honor her memory, gifts may be made to [Harbor Hospice Foundation](#). Please sign the family's online guestbook at [Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services](#).



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Caroline by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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