



## Rete Carie

November 16, 2023

Rete Carie, 79, died at IU Hospital following a long illness on Thursday, Nov 16. Her legacy continues in the Bloomington recovery and feminist communities where she is remembered for her quiet wisdom, her sense of humor, her compassion, and the twinkle in her eye.

Rete was the eldest of 10 children born to Earl and Julie Carie and grew up in Vincennes IN and Effingham IL. At age 18, she joined the Benedictine Sisters and lived at their Turtle Mountain ND house teaching school on the reservation. Those were deeply impactful years and their influence stayed with Rete throughout her life. After she left the order, she returned to Vincennes and Evansville.

She met her spouse, Cindy Houston in 1985 and they moved to Bloomington in 1987. Rete returned to social service work and spent many years at Options for Better Living and the Women's Residential Program, Amethyst House.

Her parents and four siblings, Joe, Jan, Carol, and Tim preceded her in death. She is survived by Cindy, her brothers Moe (Jane) Carie, Jack (Posey) Carie, and her sisters, Annie Frey, Judy Cooley, and Joan Carie.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the

Trinity Episcopal Church with a reception to follow also at the church. and a women's ritual circle in February 2024.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Middle Way House 338 S. Washington St Bloomington, Indiana 47401. or Life Designs 200 E. Winslow Rd Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may with shared with the family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
111 S Grant St  
Bloomington, IN 47408-4031  
(812) 336-4466

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rete Carie.*



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November 30, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *I was in the class of 1962 at St Rose with her. She was always such a sweetheart of a person. My sympathies to Cindy and the Carie family.*

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**Janet Deem Turney** - November 22, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *I did not know Rete well but I knew her for a long time. I always liked her quite gentle energy and was always happy to see her. There was something so lovable about Rete. She will be missed by her community.*

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**Donna Fay Reeves** - November 21, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Rete was a gentle, wise, and delightful spirit. She always left me smiling and feeling good. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Kim Davis** - November 21, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Rete was a long term friend. I remember her quite wisdom and her gentle spirit among other things. Life lived well my friend.*

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**Terri Dillon** - November 20, 2023 at 06:21 PM