



The Reverend Carolyn Marguerite Palmer

With heavy hearts, the family of Carolyn Marguerite Palmer announces her passing on August 25, 2026, at the Parkland Shannex Tucker Hall. Born in Auburn, Kings County NS, on March 6, 1941, Carolyn was the beloved daughter of the late Lorris & Edith Palmer and wife of the late Rev. James Forbes. During Carolyn's childhood she lived in Auburn, Mahone Bay, Venezuela, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. After high school she attained a BA from Acadia University. During her time at Acadia, she felt a calling to ministry and attended Acadia Divinity College graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity degree, the first woman to graduate with that degree from Acadia. She later attended Yale University where she obtained her Masters of Systematic Theology degree. She was a Jubilarian with the United Church of Canada for 50 years, serving many congregations in the Maritimes and Ontario. Carolyn also had a passion for painting, gardening and especially shared a love of traveling with Jim. Carolyn leaves behind her sister Patricia Spence, nephew Steaphan Spence (Nadine), stepson Doug Forbes (Janet), stepdaughter Lorraine (Jon); and grandchildren Ryan Forbes, Kyles Forbes, Duncan Forbes, and Alexander Abrahams and their families. Aside from her parents and her husband she was predeceased by her brother-in-law Spurgeon Spence.

In keeping with Carolyn's wishes, there will be no visitation or service at this time.