



## Erika E. Carden

April 8, 1932 - June 11, 2020

Erika E. Carden

Age 88, of Park Falls, died on Thursday June 11, 2020 at Primrose Retirement Community in Wausau. She was born on April 8, 1932 in Luxembourg, the daughter of Peter and Paula Hard. Her early life and schooling were in Germany. On April 5, 1952 she married David Carden in Germany. The couple moved to Park Falls shortly after their marriage. They lived in Ashland, Tomahawk, and Rhinelander before returning to Park Falls in 1972. Erika worked as a Personnel Secretary for Owens-Illinois Paper Mill in Tomahawk from 1959 until 1972. Shortly after moving to Park Falls, Erika purchased Dixie's Treasure Chest and later owned and operated Erika's Blumenhaus. Erika attended schooling in Holland where she earned her Master Floral Designer degree. She was a member of the Park Falls Lioness Club, was a past President of the Flambeau Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association, and a senior member of the Northern Antique Dealers Association. Erika enjoyed Bridge club and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by:

Her husband David of Park Falls

(2)children:

Ralph (BJ) Carden of Weston

Karen Brown of Rhinelander

(4)grandchildren:

Stephen (Tami) Carden of Rothschild

Emily (Ying) Carden-Her of Madison

Matthew (Jen Terzinski) Pritzl of Boulder Junction

Drew (Kristen Cibulka) Pritzl of Rhinelander

(1)great-grandson Brodie and another great-grandchild soon to be born and nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Gisela Proschko, her brother-in-law Hans Proschko, and her son-in-law Thomas Brown.

Funeral Services will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Park Falls on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 11:00am. Rev. Donald Quigley will officiate.

Interment will follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield.

A visitation will be held at Birch Street Funeral Service in Park Falls on Tuesday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm and on Wednesday at the church from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Home Cemetery

Old 70 Road and Krucky Road  
Fifield, WI 54524

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service  
350 Birch Street  
Park Falls, WI 54552  
(715) 762-3287  
[birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com](mailto:birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com)  
<https://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

JUN **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
279 North 1st Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Service

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JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Erika E. Carden

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Hello Dave and Karen:

*Earlier this week I was remembering how Larry and I came to purchase Dixie's Treasure Chest. Being a small business owner was a huge learning experience, one that I will always treasure. In remembering you and Erika, so recently Dave, I thought about what you might be doing now hoping that you were enjoying retirement after so many years of hard work by both of you. I have feelings of gratitude that I had the opportunity to have my own business.*

*Thinking about the world's current circumstances, I am glad it was then and not now. Karen I remember so well our first buying trip to Minneapolis and my inability to follow directions to get to the showroom. It my defense, it was the first time I had driven on an interstate system!! Dave and Karen, please accept my heartfelt sympathy. I will always remember Erika's lovely laugh.*

*Mary (Kundinger) Reich*

*821 W Laramie Lane*

*Bayside WI 53217*

*262.227.6335*

Mary Kundinger Reich - June 18, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“*Wir denken an Erika mit viel Liebe. Dabei werden wir ihre Herzlichkeit, ihr herrliches Lachen und ihren wunderbaren Humor in besonderer Erinnerung behalten. Sie war ein Familienmensch, der seine Türe immer für uns alle offen hielt, und dafür sind wir sehr dankbar. Obwohl räumlich weit entfernt war sie uns doch immer nah. Unsere Gedanken begleiten die Familie in Amerika. Ihr Neffe Peter mit Familie*”

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**Peter Proschko** - June 16, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“*This goes way back to when I was a little girl, growing up in Park Falls. My parents (Joe and Mary Malach) knew Dave and Erika in those early years. Erika made a beautiful short-sleeve sweater top with small beads that we three sister shared. I was just learning how to knit, so her work of art was a real inspiration to me. I had never seen anything quite like what she made before this. My sympathy goes out to all her family. Carol Malach Gutt (rhymes with boot)*”

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**Carol Malach Gutt** - June 13, 2020 at 03:46 PM