



## Carolyn Stenzel

February 19, 2023

Carolyn Stenzel was born in Jamesburg, NJ on September 25, 1932. After high school, Carolyn became a nurse and worked in Jersey City and then moved to NYC where she was assistant head nurse on a medical unit of The New York Hospital. She met the love of her life, Kurt Stenzel, and they married on December 21, 1957. Carolyn was active in the anti-Vietnam War protest movement as well as the Civil Rights Movement. After moving to Englewood NJ with Kurt and their young children, she helped to create Flat Rock Brook as a nature preserve, protecting the area from development. She was a volunteer naturalist and teacher at Flat Rock Brook, as well as serving on the Board of Directors, and worked at the J.A. McFaul Environmental Center in Wyckoff. She loved studying insects, birds, and plants, and made many friends and connections through those shared interests. Carolyn was the co-chair of the Englewood Environmental Commission. Carolyn and Kurt had a wonderful life together, enjoying their shared love of travel (especially to Borrego Springs), birding, opera, literature, the sea, and their children and grandchildren. Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband Kurt, their children, Matthew Stenzel, Jennifer Stenzel, and Mary Rawlinson, son-in-law Thomas Rawlinson, daughter-in-law Shari Curry, grandchildren Nathaniel Dizor, Harrison, Nick and Andrew Stenzel, Juggy and Nimai Rawlinson, and her devoted caregiver Helena Gacha. Services to be announced at a future date. Memorial Service at 12PM on June 10, 2023 at Leonia United Methodist Church, 396 Broad Ave, Leonia, NJ 07605. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, [www.flatrockbrook.org](http://www.flatrockbrook.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Leonia United Methodist Church  
396 Broad Ave  
Leonia, NJ 07605

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gayle lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stenzel*



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**Gayle** - March 11, 2023 at 11:14 AM

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“ *Wendy lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stenzel*



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**Wendy** - February 24, 2023 at 04:17 PM