



Carolyn Bird Carlson Lang

May 23, 1929 - March 23, 2012

Carolyn Bird Carlson Lang was born on May 23, 1929 to Irish Immigrants who lovingly put her up for adoption.

Robert and Melisse Carlson adopted Carolyn in December of 1929 and raised her in Cincinnati, Ohio. She passed on March 23, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

Carolyn, or “Gran,” as she was affectionately known by her grandchildren was a single mother who worked very hard all her life. Her favorite place to be was in her greenhouse with her orchids and begonias.

She turned her love of plants and gardening into a profession, working in greenhouses selling orchids or selling her own hand-raised plants at the local grocery store. She loved telling stories of her time on the only all-woman landscaping crew at Epcot, where she led a team in creating part of the original landscape around the lagoon, which included giant trees, palms, and sod. To this, she often attributed her back pain.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Melisse Carlson. She is survived by three children: Michael J. O’Byrne and family, Lynn Trosko and family, and April and Jeff Passmore and family with whom she lived in her later years. Carolyn was blessed with 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273).