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Waltraud Graulich - Co-Founder of Carus April 18, 1937 – July 16, 2026

Stuttgart, July 20, 2026 – After a long illness, Waltraud Graulich, Co-Founder of Carus-Verlag, passed away on July 16, 2026. She shaped Carus for decades.

In 1972, as a 35-year-old mother of four, Waltraud Graulich, together with her husband Günter Graulich, took the step of founding Carus-Verlag. From day one, Waltraud was in charge of business operations, successfully guiding the company for over four decades as its managing director. Under her leadership, Carus grew from a two-person operation to an internationally renowned publisher of choral music. In 2001, their son, Dr. Johannes Graulich, joined the company. For over ten years, mother, father, and son managed the publishing house together before the generational transition was successfully completed in 2013. Today, the couple's four children, Martina Graulich, Ute Kelemen, Johannes Graulich, and Markus Graulich, are the sole shareholders of the family business.

While Günter Graulich was the visionary driving force, the financial and business management of Carus lay in the capable hands of Waltraud Graulich. She was intelligent, patient, and diplomatic – and a real trailblazer of her era as a female executive. Her talents, her perseverance, and her conciliatory nature shaped our company for decades.

After a long illness, Waltraud Graulich passed away on July 16, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Carus honors the memory of its co-founder with heartfelt gratitude.