



Carol A. Van Buskirk

June 21, 1938 - April 30, 2019

Carol Van Buskirk, 80, of Palmer Park Manor, St. Clair, Michigan, passed away on April 30, 2019 from many medical issues.

She was born June 21, 1938, daughter of Hattie and Ernie Williams. She married Jerry Van Buskirk on June 30, 1956 at St. Mary's Church. The memories she had of their 50th wedding anniversary, a weekend celebration at the Grayling Holidome, were unsurpassable.

Carol was a member of St. Mary's D of I. She was also a Campfire Girl and Slim Living leader, and Boy Scout assistant leader. Carol belonged to the Lupus Association, the Cancer Support Group, and the Florida Quilting Group. Carol worked at Bacon's Laundromat in St. Clair. Then Carol and Jerry bought Carol's Laundromat in Marysville. They also owned St. Clair Coney Island for two years.

Carol is survived by three children and their spouses: Randy (Liz) Van Buskirk, Longwood, Florida; Cindy (Bob) Yanik, Kimball, Michigan; and Kelly Bee (Don Coleson), Scottville, Michigan. She leaves behind thirteen grandchildren: Kristy (Sgt. Roy) Raska, Traverse City, Michigan; Chris (Wendi) Van Buskirk, Lake Mary, Florida; Sgt. Jon (Lizz) Van Buskirk, Eustis, Florida; Brennan (Harley) Gavlinski, Cadillac, Michigan; Hannah Gavlinski, Kyle, Cecelia, and Mariah Bee, Caitlin, Tristan, and Madison Coleson, all of Scottville, Michigan; Stephanie Bee, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Tyler Bee, St. Helen, Michigan. She is also survived by six great grandchildren: Hattie and Roy Raska III, Traverse City, Michigan; Bradley McKinlay, Kimball,

Michigan; Evie Van Buskirk, Lake Mary, Florida; and Landen and Silas Gavlinski, Cadillac, Michigan. Her children and grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, of 56 years; her mother and best friend, Hattie Williams; two brothers, Jack and Bob Williams; and her grandson, Brad McKinlay.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are in care of Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at The Harvey Reinvestment Center, 3013 24th St., Port Huron at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18th.

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

Reinvestment Center
3013 24th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Carol will be sadly missed, always enjoyed talking with her @ activities



Lois Foster - May 05, 2019 at 05:52 PM

JY

“ Carol was always busy with her crafts, shopping with Cindy & friends @ Marwood Manor



Joyce Young - May 05, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JF

“ Carol is sincerely missed by her friends at Palmer Park Manor. She often planned potluck meals, and parties for the residents and was always concerned about the welfare of others. Rest In Peace, Carol.

Joyce and Jeannie

Joyce Friederichs - May 05, 2019 at 08:25 AM

LW

Words cannot express the sadness I feel with the loss of my friend Carol. Your kindness and gentle spirit will be greatly missed!
See you again one day,
"Euchre Queen"! 💕
Laura

Laura Wilson - May 08, 2019 at 04:20 PM

MD

I remember doing puzzles with her til 2a as we had the TV on for noise. I knew what time it was without looking at the clock than Carol started doing the art Glitter pieces. TV schedule changed I went up earlier and snuck back down around 3a than to see if Carol was still Up and she still was doing the Glitter Art and I asked her when are You going to bed. I would here what time is it 3a oh wow Michael as she laughed don't tell Cindy She'll be mad at me. So I made sure she went to to bed and got up around 1 -3p the next day I asked her than Your not doing this again are you but it was a ritual.I ol

Michael Degiacomo - May 18, 2019 at 09:32 AM

LD

“ *Besides Carol’s tremendous love for her family, she also had a great love for her friends. With a big, warm smile she welcomed people to her world. No one was a stranger for long once they got to know her. Her outgoing personality drew people to her, and it was her kindness and concern for them which made people want to be around her. In the years that I knew Carol through Cindy, she made many changes to where she lived. Each time it seemed like it only took a few weeks to settle in, and then she would be surrounded by a new group of friends. But, of course, Carol never forgot her old friends. She loved to have parties and gatherings to get people together to eat good food, play games, and maybe sing a few old songs. She will be sadly missed, but I think her friends will always remember her with a smile and a fond memory of good times spent together.*

Leslie Dias - May 03, 2019 at 07:57 PM

KW

“ *So sorry Bob and Cindy!! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Hugs!!*
Kim Walters

Kimberley Ann Walters - May 02, 2019 at 02:18 PM