



Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns

May 16, 1942 - February 4, 2018

Rev. Carol Lynn J. Bourns, age 75 of Clare, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2018 at Medilodge of Mt. Pleasant. Carol Lynn was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of the late Edwin Dean and Mable Jean (Oettinger) Phillips. After graduating from South Lyon High in 1960 she married the love of her life, David E. Bourns on September 3 and they were married for 54 years and raised three children.

Together they owned a dairy farm which allowed her to continue her passion with animals, especially horses. She enjoyed being a 4-H leader alongside of her husband. She and Dave were also very active in the Methodist Church and serving the Lord. Carol Lynn's passions included music, camping and watching the Tigers. She enjoyed all types of crafts, cooking and entertaining. She loved to travel and worked as a tour escort for Phillips Travel Agency in South Lyon.

In 1986 Carol Lynn decided to pursue a degree at CMU and during this time she was diagnosed with her first brain tumor. This life altering experience led her to pursue her Master's Degree in Ministry at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. After obtaining her Masters in 1992 she became an ordained Minister, and served at the North Ewart United Methodist Church. Due to her declining health she was unable to continue to serve in this capacity, yet with her

disabilities she never lost her mission to share the great love for her Lord and Savior.

Carol Lynn is survived by her children Pamela (Peter) Stirn of Midland, David Edward (Amy) Bourns, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant and Hope (Jai) Iserhoth of Shepherd; brother Dallas (Gretchen) Phillips of Graying; sister-in-law Susie Phillips of Carbondale, Illinois; brother-in-law Richard Bourns (Carol) of Rochester, New York; sister-in-law Nancy Granger of Rochester, New York; 8 grandchildren Erica (Ryan) Andrews, Zachery and Zoe Stirn, Alexander and Taylor Bourns, Landon, Mason, and Carson Iserhoth; 2 great grandchildren Eva and A.J. Andrews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave, brother Ed, and brother-in-law Don.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11 A.M. at the Farwell United Methodist Church with Pastor Martin Cobb officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)

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Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Farwell United Methodist Church

281 E Ohio Street

Farwell, MI 48622

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns.*



February 08, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns.*



February 08, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *My cousin Carol Lynn and I shared the same birthday, May 16 (5 years apart), so I always felt a special kinship with her. She was a friendly lady with an infectious smile and a heart full of love who will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in Peace, Cuz.
Tom Phillips, Arlington Heights, IL*

Tom Phillips - February 07, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Dow's Global Quality Organization purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns.*



Dow's Global Quality Organization - February 06, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns.*



February 06, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Carol Lynn Jean Bourns.*



February 06, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *Carol Lynn meant a lot to me her whole life, as a fellow "girl cousin" only a year older than I, as a big sister I didn't have, as a lover of animals, and as a fellow clergy woman in our adult lives. We were in each other's weddings. Even in recent years, we tried to call each other every few months, when communication was difficult. I'm looking forward to chatting away with her in Heaven. I'll be praying for all of you this weekend, as you celebrate her life, and what our Salvation Army relatives would call her "promotion to Glory".*

Donna Weddle - February 06, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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“ *When Warren was a student at Michigan and we were newly married, we spent a lot of time with Carol Lynn and Dave Bourns on their farm in South Lyon. They were our role models as we launched into our marriage. They had a supportive partnership marriage, a warm and invited kitchen and a home filled with love. We have tried to follow their example. Our love and affection go to the family. Warren and Ann Phillips*

Warren and Ann Phillips - February 06, 2018 at 04:07 PM