



## Carrie Forfinski

May 14, 1976 - February 8, 2025

Carrie A. Forfinski, age 48 of Farwell, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2025 following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Carrie was born May 14, 1976 in Saginaw to David and Janet (Pickens) Jerome. She was united in marriage to Corey Forfinski on September 20, 1997.

Carrie was an integral part of Farwell elementary and touched the lives of the entire staff and so many students. Carrie was an original founding teacher of the Farwell elementary preschool. She taught at Farwell since 2010 and was a first grade teacher since 2013. During her time at Farwell elementary, Carrie was involved in countless initiatives and activities. She dedicated many hours of time to writing the social studies curriculum, initiated the Behavior Intervention Team, and taught in the SPARKS program. She was the lead coach for Lego League, an Odyssey of the Mind coach, a member of multiple committees and participated in all of the parent engagement events. Carrie instilled in her students a drive to work hard, to find solutions, to use reasoning, and to think outside of the box. Carrie's efforts to create thinkers led to her being named the MiSTEM Regional recipient of the 2025 STEM STAR award.

Each year, Carrie facilitated a pet food drive for the local animal shelter. On many occasions, Carrie coordinated food drives for wild animals, including collecting hundreds of pounds of acorns, and delivered those goods to the

animal recovery center in Saint Helen, Michigan.

Carrie was an avid advocate for all things, especially her students. Carrie knew her students inside and out and worked tirelessly to ensure that each had the things they needed to feel safe, healthy, and supported. Carrie was so much more than a teacher.

She was a member of the Michigan Air National Guard from 1996 to 2004, where she served in Battle Creek alongside her father and brother. Carrie played an integral role in constructing the board of service members displayed in the Jaime Performing Arts Center.

Her children fondly remember her being their Little League coach in Farwell and Sunday School teacher at Brown Corners United Brethren Church. She loved traveling and always advocated for her children to do more of it. Carrie enjoyed documenting their activities and travels in the scrapbooks she lovingly made for them.

Carrie is survived by her husband Corey; children Clay (Fiancé Elise Birkhaeuser) Forfinski of Pensacola, Fl., Cole (Haedyn) Forfinski of Grand Haven and Madison Forfinski of Farwell; her parents David Jerome of Pinconning and Janet (John) Kroon of Midland; her brother Jeff (Kim) Jerome of Bay City and their children Ethan, Nick, Alex, Kohl, Luke and Aubry; her father and mother-in-law Kenneth and Kerri Forfinski of Farwell; brother-in-laws Nick (Jason) Sarkozi of Mt. Pleasant, and Travis (Mandy) Forfinski of Pickford and their children Garrett and Hudson. Visitation and Services will be held at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. Services will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 11 A.M. with Pastor Paul C. Fetzer officiating. A luncheon will be held after the service at Mott's Up North Wedding and Event Venue. Memorial contributions at suggested to the

Farwell Area School's Lego League or the clothing closet at the elementary school. Checks may be made payable to Farwell Area Schools; please memo Lego League or clothing closet. Online condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)  
165 South Hall St.  
P.O. Box 231  
Farwell, MI 48622  
(989) 588-9630  
wymanh@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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165 South Hall St.  
P.O. Box 231  
Farwell, MI 48622  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KA

“ My heart is with all of you during this incredibly difficult time. I am holding you close in my thoughts and sending you love, strength, and my deepest condolences. She will always hold a special place in my heart. So much love to all of you. - Kim

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**Kimberly (Ochander) Apsitis** - February 14, 2025 at 02:29 PM

HV

“ It was a pleasure to be classmates with Carrie) and Corey) at Farwell Area Schools. She had an impact on everyone that knew her. I hope you find some comfort and peace in all of the memories you have with her to help carry you and her legacy forward.  
Love and Peace,  
Hannah Volz

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**Hannah Volz** - February 14, 2025 at 11:12 AM

CB

“ Christopher B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

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**Christopher B.** - February 13, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Lorraine Carr and Family*

*We were so fortunate to have known Miss Carrie as teacher for my grandson's 1st grade. You see, my husband and I were gifted our 4 grandkids on Memorial Day weekend 2013, so that fall they were all enrolled in FAS. To say God had His hand in this was an understatement. Miss Carrie saved my grandson's enthusiasm for learning before it was too late. He was woefully behind due to his past situation and she was able to reach in and draw him out in a multitude of different ways. She touched my heart then as a "more than a teacher" kind of teacher, and has remained close down thru the years. Thank you, Mrs. Forfinski, for being there for my grandson. You will be sorely missed.*

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**Lorraine Carr** - February 13, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AS

“ *Alex, Dr. Buzdug and Surrey Vet Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.*

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**Alex, Dr. Buzdug and Surrey Vet Staff** - February 13, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AS

“ *Alex, Dr. Buzdug and Surrey Vet Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carrie Forfinski.*



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**Alex, Dr. Buzdug and Surrey Vet Staff** - February 13, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MF

“ Michael Weber and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



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Michael Weber and Family - February 13, 2025 at 08:41 AM

MF

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Michael Weber and Family - February 13, 2025 at 08:41 AM



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February 13, 2025 at 08:38 AM

CB

“ Celeste & Neb Brankovic purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



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Celeste & Neb Brankovic - February 12, 2025 at 08:57 PM

CB

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Celeste & Neb Brankovic - February 12, 2025 at 08:57 PM

FF

“ From Bycofski Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



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**From Bycofski Family** - February 12, 2025 at 04:38 PM

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**From Bycofski Family** - February 12, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LG

“ My sincere condolences to Carrie's family. I remember when she taught at Brown Corners Church and enjoyed talking with her. Very Godly woman. She taught some of my grandchildren. My heart goes out to Corey, Clay, Cole and Madison. I remember teaching you in Sunday School. May you allow God's love to give you comfort during this time of sorrow.  
Your friend in Jesus,  
Lila Goodenow

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**Lila Goodenow** - February 12, 2025 at 03:31 PM

EC

“ Emily C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

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**Emily C.** - February 12, 2025 at 02:15 PM

GB

“ Greg and Cherish Bromley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carrie Forfinski.

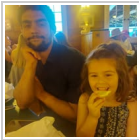


Greg and Cherish Bromley - February 12, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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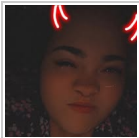
Greg and Cherish Bromley - February 12, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear about Carrie. Her love was felt by many, and so is her loss. I am praying for you and the kids Corey, until you meet again.



Michelle Vanderbrook - February 12, 2025 at 06:57 AM



“ I worked with Carrie and her first graders in 2015-2016 for cte. She put a big impact on my life to be a tea her. She is the most sweetest and out going person to be around.



Jazzie Thompson - February 11, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CF

“ Colbeck Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

Colbeck Family - February 11, 2025 at 07:37 PM

CF

“ Colbeck Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



Colbeck Family - February 11, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

February 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



February 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM

WF

“ Walkiewicz Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



Walkiewicz Family - February 11, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CB

“ CGC KATMAI BAY purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



CGC KATMAI BAY - February 11, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LP

“ Lighthouse church Pinconning purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



Lighthouse church Pinconning - February 11, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JE

“ Jeff And Stacy Emery purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



Jeff And Stacy Emery - February 11, 2025 at 09:07 AM

TS

“ The Schraubens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

The Schraubens - February 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM

TS

“ *The Schraubens purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carrie Forfinski.*



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**The Schraubens** - February 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM



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February 11, 2025 at 08:34 AM

DA

“ *Damon Adams purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carrie Forfinski.*



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**Damon Adams** - February 11, 2025 at 12:21 AM

AH

“ *She was my favorite teacher I have ever had she made everything so fun and loved her kids so much!! I will always remember you love Abigail Hurt*



Abby Hurt - February 10, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BM

“ *Bev Myers lit a candle in memory of Carrie Forfinski*



Bev Myers - February 10, 2025 at 06:10 PM

JW

“ *JaLinda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Carrie Forfinski*



JaLinda Wilson - February 10, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carrie Forfinski.*



February 10, 2025 at 03:08 PM

HB

“ HVS 304 Building planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

HVS 304 Building - February 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM

HB

“ HVS 304 Building purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



HVS 304 Building - February 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM

RF

“ Russ Shattuck and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



Russ Shattuck and family - February 10, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



February 10, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ we are so blessed to have had Carrie in our lives. Best lady and neighbor anyone could ask for. God bless her and her devoted and loving family.

Dan & Dawn Holzer - February 10, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LF

“ Levi Furlott lit a candle in memory of Carrie Forfinski



Levi Furlott - February 09, 2025 at 05:37 PM

LF

I was so sorry hear this she was my Granddaughters 1st grade teacher last year we talked quite often

Levi Furlott - February 09, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carrie Forfinski.



February 09, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carrie Forfinski.

February 09, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carrie Forfinski.*



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