

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to warmly thank every for your comforting words and genuine acts of kindness in our time of sadness. We also give a special thank you to Karen Gibson, Lisa Milligan, and Angela (Michael) Straughter for their assistance with the repast. We also sincerely express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the staff Paramount Senior Living, CARE360 Hospice, the Gary Memorial Chapel of Peace for their compassionate care.

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael J. Straughter

Mark N. Straughter II

Marvin E. Straughter

Michael E. Straughter

Mark N. Straughter, Sr.

Maurice T. Straughter

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Jeffrey R. Nelson

Flowerbearers

Jessica L. Straughter

Tiffany Y. (Straughter) Butler



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A **Celebration** of the Life of



Carolyn E. **Evans**

August 15, 1946 - November 12, 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home
Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Visitation: 1:00pm - Service: 2:00pm

Obituary

Carolyn Earnestine (Love) Evans, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 12, 2023, in Westerville, Ohio. Born in Columbus, Ohio, Carolyn was the daughter of the late Eliza Mae and Andrew Edward Love Sr.

Carolyn was a woman of great strength and determination. She leaves behind a legacy of caring and devotion.

She built upon her high school diploma by attend the Columbus Paraprofessional Institute earning a professional certification as a Medical Assistant. Afterward, she earned an additional certification in Information Systems-Word Processing. As a life-long learner, she was a shining example of perseverance to her family and friends. Carolyn gave nothing less than best throughout her career, including serving as an administrative assistant at Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and retiring from a similar role with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities at West Central School and Transition Services for students ages 14-22.

Family was at the core of Carolyn's life, and she cherished every moment spent with loved ones. Surviving children are Michael E. (Angela) Straughter and Marvin E. Straughter, who were a source of pride and joy for Carolyn. She will be fondly remembered by her sister, Betty Lou Nelson; grandchildren, Mark N. Straughter II, Tiffany (Victor) Butler, Makayla D., Makiya C., Michael J. Straughter, and Jessica L. Straughter, as well as her great grandchildren; Isabella, Cho'zyn, Tiffany N., Destiny J., and Maurice J., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded by her parents Eliza M. (1996) and Andrew E. Love Sr., sons Mark Nathaniel Straughter Sr. (2007) and Maurice Terrance Straughter (2008), sisters, Dorothy Jean Ferguson (2014) and Eleanor Ann Jones (2016) and brother Andrew “Junie” Love Jr (2013).

Carolyn had a passion for serving as a “marching band mom”, puzzle-solving, gardening, and engrossing herself in captivating crime and court TV shows. Her culinary talents were unparalleled. Family and friends will always crave her delectable potato salad, deviled eggs, and infamous lasagna — all complemented with her pineapple upside down cake.

It is her memory that we celebrate a life well-lived, marked by love, laughter, and a steadfast commitment to family and friends. As we say our final goodbyes, let us remember and find solace in the beautiful moments shared.

May your soul find eternal warmth and tranquility.

FOOTPRINTS



One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,

other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed

that during the low periods of my life,

when I was suffering from

anguish, sorrow or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,

“You promised me Lord,

that if I followed you,

you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life

there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,

“The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand,

is when I carried you.”

Order of Celebration

WELCOMING & OPENING WORDSChaplin Martin Troyer, CARE360 Hospice

SCRIPTURE READING Elder Tommy Ferguson

MATTHEW 11:28-30

“(28) Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

REVELATION 21:3-4

(3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

READING OF OBITUARY Chaplin Martin Troyer

VIDEO TRIBUTE

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SHARING OF STORIES Chaplin Martin Troyer

THE EULOGY

Michael E. Straughter, Sr.

RECESSIONAL

Chaplin Martin Troyer

IF I SHOULD GO TOMORROW

It would never be *goodbye*,
For I have left my heart with you,
So don't you ever cry.
The love that's deep within me,
Shall reach you from the stars,
You'll feel it from the heavens,
And it will heal the scars.

