



## Carol P. Rhodes

March 7, 2015

Carol P. Rhodes, 55, left to go to life's big after party on March 7, 2015 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was born October 15, 1959 in Houston, Texas to the late Jack Piirainen, Sr. and Molly Marie Brownlee. Carol was known for her 'tell-it-like-it is' wisdom, her twisted sense of humor, sarcastic and witty comebacks, and her ability to laugh when others would hang their heads and cry. She was happiest when with her family. For Carol, no one was just a friend, they were her family. She had an incredible way of removing societal labels from people and weaving them into her life and connecting everyone together. Carol proved that no matter what your story, she had a place for you in her heart and life. Carol is survived by her children, Will "Bumper" Rhodes (Julie), Dwana "Babygirl" Lyerla (James), Katie "Bug" Parkhurst; stepdaughter, Stephanie Treat; brothers Jack Piirainen Jr. (Liz) and Bobby J. Piirainen (Valerie); 12 nieces and nephews, 4 grandchildren, 2 grand puppies, 1 step grand puppy, 2 step granddaughters, ex-husband and friend, Willard "Pewee" Rhodes, and her extended & honorary family that is so big not everyone can be listed. Carol was preceded in death by her soulmate, Greg Parkhurst; mother, Molly Marie "Momo" Brownlee; father, Jack Piirainen, Sr.; brother, James "Jimmy" Doolan; great aunt, "Momo" Rose Murphy, and longtime friend, Barb Quigley. Donations to help with costs may be made to Ford and Sons Funeral, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. A Celebration of Life party will be on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Lloyd's Tavern in Jackson, Missouri. There will be food and a 50/50 Pool

Tournament.

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *All our thoughts and prayers are with my beautiful daughter-in-law Dwana and our son James and the rest of the family, as they remember the best and the worst that make up our family. We sent only the most heart felt love to each and every one of you.*

Debby and Bruce Lyerla - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ *Rest in peace sweet friend with your mom I loved you both praying for your family.*

Becky Zunker - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Carol P. Rhodes*

Dakota K Minner - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Dwana, you are a very unique young woman and from what I've read about your dear Mother, you must've been two peas in a pod. We all have to pass on from this life we love so much, the important thing is the memories we leave behind. Your Mother has left a lot of happy memories. Blessings, chica.*

Debra Jones - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *I love and miss you so much Mom. We love you.*

Will "bumper" Rhodes - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Will see you and the rest of our family and friends in the next chapter of our lives. You left us much too early but I guess they needed you more than us. Love you sis.

---

**Jack Piirainen** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ REST IN PEACE CAROL, I KNOW YOU WILL BE LOOKING DOWN ON EVERYONE, AND VISITING ON OCCASION,,, YOUR FRIEND PEWEE

---

**WILLARD ( PEWEE ) RHODES** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Still hard to believe I love you so much

---

**Tracy Wingate** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I can't hardly write this without tears. As my waterworks hasn't stopped since I left her side at the hospital. Carol was a wonderful person. When you made her mad her Cajun side would appear, but she had a huge forgiving heart. Most people only have a fraction of her heart. When she befriended you, you became family. She loved her family unconditionally & even the ones that didn't agree with her ways of life. Most likely she loved them more than they ever realized. Her mother was her rock. Her children was her life. Carol is my cousin, my best friend, and my sister. We were 2 different people with 2 different lifestyle but most of the time 2 Peas in a Pod. She is my name sake & I have always been proud to be named after her. My heart is heavy, my eyes are flowing, & my life is incomplete without her. But I find comfort knowing she is in the arms of her mother, great aunt, godparents (my parents), her 2 cousins Pat (my oldest sister whom she was also close to & Tami (my daughter that had her wrapped around her finger). I know she is fussing & laughing at me. She is an Angel in heaven. Cause God knows she wasn't an angel her on earth! To much mushy writing for her I had to add a funny. Love you.

---

**Carrie Ardoin** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I see in my earlier post I left out what her grandchildren meant to her. Her grandchildren was her world. She was so proud of her children & grandchildren. If you didn't know Carol you missed out knowing a caring heart giving person. God need an Angel & they say only the good die young. Will miss her daily.

---

**Carrie Ardoin** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Love you Momma. I cant wait to see you again.

---

**Katie Bug** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We only knew each other a short time but you meant a lot of me and my son Zach you are one special lady who will be missed dearly! It has been a honor knowing you so glad I got the chance! Love you carol I hope you are dancing in the sky with the angels!!!

---

**Linda Welker** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Carol P. Rhodes

---

**Ron and Sandra Cline** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ You were a wonderful mother-in-law to me always a kind word always full of optimism always there. I miss and love u ma! Rest in peace!

---

**Julie Rhodes** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'll miss you.you will be missed.

---

**Kristy Shoemaker** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Carol P. Rhodes

---

**Lacey Solis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We just wanted to say that we are sorry for your loss! We lost a dear loved one this week as well. She was like a mother to me (Lori) and she will be missed ever so much! There are no words to fill the hole a person has in their heart when they lose a loved one, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

---

**Bennie & Lori Moore** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Grandma Rhodes I can't even describe how much I miss you. You were the only one I could tell anything to without being judged. You helped me through everything. If it wasn't for you I don't think I could've excepted some things in my life. You told me if I was being ignorant but never put me down. I would do anything to have you back but I know you Don't hurt any longer and your with the ones you love.. I love you so much h Grandma Rhodes! Love, Dalton

---

**Dalton Rhodes** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM