



Carolyn Ford Bock

April 22, 1947 - April 12, 2024

Carolyn Ford Bock, 76, was called home to her Lord and Savior on Friday, April 12, 2024. She was born in Cape Girardeau on April 22, 1947 to George and Dorothy Kies Penzel .

Carolyn was a product of the Cape Girardeau Public Schools, graduating from Cape Central in 1965. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Southeast Missouri State University.

Carolyn was a "teachers' teacher" and a "librarians' librarian"--all who knew her well would attest to these commendations. Carolyn taught in many area school districts including Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Scott City and Nell Holcomb.

Carolyn met Don Ford on SEMO's campus and they were married August 24, 1968. They were the proud parents of Kathryn Francis Ford Sanders born December 10, 1973. Following Don's death in 1997, Carolyn was re-introduced to Lewis Bock and they were married in 2003.

Carolyn was active in the community. In college, she was active in Tri Delta Sorority and several honor societies. She and Don were on the Area Younglife Committee. She was a Bible Study Fellowship mentor and active in "Read to Succeed." She was president of the Friends of the Public Library and named

Friend of Southeast Missouri State University. Carolyn had many special moments growing up in Cape, including cutting the ribbon to free the old Mississippi River Bridge.

Carolyn was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church; she and Don were members of Grace Methodist and she and Lewis were members of Cape Bible Chapel.

Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Donald Keith Ford and her parents, Dorothy and George Penzel.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Bock; daughter, Kate Ford Sanders (Scott Sanders); grandchildren, Grace and Ben Sanders; sister, Georganne Syler (William Syler); nieces, Lauren Weedon and Claire Syler; and step children, Richard Bock and Catharine Bock Golomski.

Visitation will be 9:00 to 11:00 am, Monday, April 15, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church in Cape. Revs. Elliott Swoboda and Ellen Gurnon are officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Younglife, Southeast Missouri Area, or the charity of your choice.

Carolyn will be laid to rest beside Donald Ford at Cape County Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com <<http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>>

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 477
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Funeral Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 477
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Ann and Matt Whitten purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Ford Bock.*



Ann and Matt Whitten - May 17, 2024 at 10:47 AM

TT

“ *Oh Louie, I'm so sorry to hear that Carolyn passed. I loved her so much. She taught many people about God and was an exceptional listener. Who would ever have thought that we would lose Jim and Caroline in the same month. Thinking of you my friend.*

Tina Trickey - April 30, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of her passing she was a fun lady. I have fond memories of both her and Lewis my prayers and love to the family*

Maria Grindstaff - April 17, 2024 at 02:08 PM

JL

“ *I was blessed to work with Carolyn at South Elementary in Jackson for several years. She was a lovely person who I will remember fondly. My deepest condolences to her beloved family. Hold tight to your cherished memories and I hope they bring you peace and comfort.*

Janice Lumsden

Janice Lumsden - April 15, 2024 at 10:45 PM

DK

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such an encourager of our youth and a bright light in our community. May the Lord comfort you in this time and May your sweet memories bring a smile to your face.

Donna Davis Komorech - April 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DG

“ Georganne & family---you have our deepest sympathy. Sorry for your loss. -----Dotty & Randy Gholson

Dorothy Gholson - April 15, 2024 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ My Deepest Condolences to Georganne and family. Donna Johannes Schuette.

Donna Schuette - April 15, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AB

“ Kate-
My deepest sympathy for you and your family. Your mom was a delightful soul which I had the privilege of meeting. Blessings to you and your family during this difficult time.

Amy Brentlinger - April 15, 2024 at 08:40 AM

LH

“ God calls home those He loves at the perfect time. Not for us, but for them. Thoughts and prayers for you all for peace and comfort.

Laurel Holmes

Laurel Holmes - April 15, 2024 at 05:56 AM

DM

“ Our deepest condolences Richard and your family.
Dennis and Debbie McBee

Dennis and Debbie McBee - April 15, 2024 at 05:16 AM

JB

“ John C Bierk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ford Bock.

John C Bierk - April 14, 2024 at 06:21 PM

DB

“ Carolyn was a friend from the time she attended SEMO State until now. She and Don Ford were a delightful couple, and following the death of Don, she later met and married Louis Bock, whom I had known since his student days at SEMO. They, too, were a delightful couple, and I enjoyed conversing with them at various SEMO functions. Carolyn will be missed, not only by Louis, but by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.
To Louis and family, I remind them that although death ends a life, it does not end a relationship, and Carolyn will remain a very vital part of their memories.

John Cashion Bierk

Dr. John Cashion Bierk - April 14, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BA

“ *The Nunnelly and Adler families send deepest condolences to the Penzel, Kies, Sanders, Syler, Ford, Bock, Weedon and Munter families at the loss of dear Carolyn Penzel Ford Bock. Carolyn was a beacon of community service and devotion to family and friends. She will be missed. May her memory be a blessing and may she rest in deep peace.*

Barbara Nunnelly Adler - April 13, 2024 at 06:33 PM

GS

“ *Carolyn's parents and my husband's parents were the best of friends. Carolyn and her first husband (Don) were married only a month after my husband and me so theirs was the first wedding we attended as a married couple, Our condolences go out to Louie and all of the family*

Gayle Steele - April 13, 2024 at 03:14 PM

PM

“ *I met Carolyn as a member of a Life Group that meets weekly. She was a Godly woman, gracious and warm and caring. She was, in the truest sense of the word, a lady, and I was blessed to have known her for even a relatively short time. My condolences to Louis and the entire Ford/Bock family.*

Patti Miinch - April 13, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SD

“ I remember playing dolls with Carolyn and George Ann as children down at the old bridge office. My grandmother worked for George Penzel. The Penzels were wonderful people. I renewed my friendship with her years later at Bible Study Fellowship. Carolyn had a great faith in the Lord Jesus and was able to share her faith easily with others. She will be missed.
Much love, Stephanie Depro

Stephanie Depro - April 12, 2024 at 11:04 PM