



Carolyn J. (Newman) Woodruff

July 5, 2012

Carolyn J. (Newman) Woodruff, 64, a resident of Jackson, MO, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 5, 2012 at home. She was born March 23, 1948 in Holcomb, MO to the late Bud and Earline (Mabry) Newman. Carolyn worked as an administrative assistant at SEMO and was a member of St. Mary Cathedral. She enjoyed reading, flower gardening, shopping and had a lifelong love of food. Carolyn was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend. She loved life, her family and was full of sass and spice. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by a son, Kevin Woodruff (Julie) of Jackson, MO; daughter, Angel Woodruff of Cape Girardeau, MO; brothers, Gary Newman (Marie) of Jackson, MO, Winford Newman (Helen) of Campbell, MO, Charles Newman (Charlotte) of Ellsinore, MO and Harold Newman of Arkansas; two grandchildren, Kennedy Woodruff and Jordan Kinder; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Diane Norris. Visitation will be held Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 9-11 a.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with Sister Lucille Zerr, S.S.N.D. officiating. Burial will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO.

Tribute Wall

NH

“ *Rest in Peace sweet friend. You will be missed!*

Nancy Hess - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I had the great pleasure of working with Carolyn for many years in Academic Hall. She was always the source of energy, humor, quick wit and passion. When visiting with her after retirement and during her illness she was still all those things. Although there is an emptiness here with her loss as her family and friends, knowing she is better and strengthened once again brings peace, comfort and a smile to our faces and hearts. Praying for you to be comforted time and time again with peace and fond memories. She just beat us getting to the finish line. God bless.*

Marti Suedmeyer - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Angel - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm praying that you will have comfort in your many memories of happy times together that only a mom and daughter can know.*

Linda Garner - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *From the service department at Cape Girardeau Honda we express our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Carolyn. We were so blessed to have her as a customer and there is not one time she stopped by that we weren't all laughing by the time she left. She was such an inspiration during her battle and still is. God bless*

rob petzoldt - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ IT MAKES ME SAD TO KNOW CAROLYN IS NO LONGER HERE WITH US. I FEEL WE BECAME FRIENDS IN THE TIME I HAVE KNOWN HER. IT WAS MY HONOR TO HAVE CARED FOR HER. DR MEADORS AND I WERE SADDENED TO HEAR OF HER PASSING. HOWEVER, WE KNOW SHE HAS GONE TO A PEACFUL AND HAPPY AFTERLIFE. THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME...DEB

DEBBIE DEES BURFORD - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone as special as a mom. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more.' (Revelation 21:4) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I worked with Carolyn at SEMO back in the 80's. She touched my life by being such an inspiration to me with her strength and positive outlook. She always had me laughing. I haven't seen Carolyn for many years, but I have never forgotten her- she always had a special place carved out in my heart. It was such a joy - and a priviledge - to have known her.

Brenda Schloss - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Kevin and Angel I am sorry for the loss of your mother, she was the most awesome person and great friend. To know her was to love her! She was very proud of the both of you and her grandchildren. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet her behind the veil. ~John Taylor She will be greatly missed by many. Sincerely Debbie May (as Carolyn called me)

Debra Graham Turnbow - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Working with Carolyn was a gift. She was such a spirited and giving person. Our earthly loss is Heaven's gain.

Kim King - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family all at this difficult time. Carolyn was such a delightful person. I was glad to have met her and know how much you will all miss her. I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are sending our deepest condolences. Much love to you all.

Tracey Coppin Caruso - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Angel and Kevin, I am so sorry for the loss of your devoted and loving mother Carolyn. I too worked with Carolyn in Academic Hall. She always had a smile on her face, even when you knew she was doing the greatest. She was one strong lady who fought a valiant fight against cancer. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Carolyn will be greatly missed. Donna

Donna Spencer - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Donna Spencer - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Kevin & Angel, I worked with your mother for many years in Academic Hall. She was an inspiration to us all and will be greatly missed. I loved to talk to her about her travels...she would just beam when she'd talk about all of her adventures. She was a remarkable woman!

Mona Ermatinger - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ To Carolyn's Family Working at Southeast Missouri State University, I had the opportunity to interact with Carolyn countless times over the last decade or more. She and I also had another thing in common - cancer. As a 25 year survivor, Carolyn was a mentor to me. I was able to carry on, in no small part, with her encouragement. For the last several years she also shared her cancer battle with the nursing students. Carolyn brought a sparkle wherever she went. It was like pixie dust. We all miss this.

Patricia Ryan - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YL

“ To Carolyn's family I send to you my deepest heart felt sympathy. I didn't know that God was giving me a present until he gave me the gift of having Carolyn as my friend. She had an unforgettable smile along with a kind heart which I will always remember. To her children I say "Weeping may endure the night but joy cometh in the morning."

Yvonne Lee - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sandy Scroggins - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ May your memories give you strength and the love of those around you help you all through the days ahead. Words cannot even begin to express my sorrow. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Carolyn.

Donna Wigfall - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Carolyn was a wonderful friend with a bright spirit and beautiful heart. I will miss her honesty, her smile, and her sassy attitude.

Joyce Penny - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Kevin & Angel - you don't know me but I knew your mom, as I worked down the hall from her for a few years. She was a wonderful person, and will be dearly missed by those of us that came to love her. I love that her obituary says that she was full of sass and spice - that was definitely Carolyn. And she had a big heart - I lost my mother almost a year and a half ago, but during her battle, Carolyn always asked about her. So I know the heartbreak you're dealing with. I'm praying for peace and comfort for you and your families. Carolyn - you fought a long, hard battle...but you won, you're Home now. I'll miss you more than you know. The halls of Academic Hall will never be the same without you. Love, Jen

Jennifer Smith - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Every time I hear the crack of the bat during a Cardinal baseball game, I'll remember the great times Carolyn and I shared at the old stadium! When I put cinnamon rolls, or macaroons, in the oven I shall always think of her, too. Kevin and Angel, she was so very proud of you! You have taken such good care of your mother, who will remain my dear and feisty friend. My life has been so blessed by Carolyn! With love and prayers, Cheryl

Cheryl Reinagel - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Kevin and Angel, Praying for you all now. I am sure you are comforted knowing that your sweet mom is at peace now. So many fun memories of Carolyn but probably my favorite were watching her face light up as she told stories of traveling the globe and sightseeing. I am so glad I got to visit with her some last fall and get a chance to reconnect after many years apart. I loved getting to see her in her beloved home and with all her plants/flowers around that she was so obviously talented at tending! I regret not working harder to go see her again this Spring as I had intended to do. I know she would be her normal sweet self and forgive me. Pray you too can cherish your many wonderful memories and find comfort in that as well! Thank you God for sharing this little dynamo with us for a little while and so glad she is now completely healed and whole and in no more pain! Yours and His, Alison Staggs

Alison Staggs - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM