



## Carol James

February 3, 1942 - October 22, 2024

Virginia Carol James, 82, of Festus, Missouri died Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at her residence.

She was born February 3, 1942, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Reverend Collie and Altha Reitzel Shirrell.

Carol attended Cape Girardeau Central High School, graduating in 1959. She married David Dougan shortly after High School and was a devoted mother to their three sons: Chris, Gregg and Tim. Carol was actively involved in raising her children and they felt that in the love and support she provided. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church while living in Cape Girardeau and volunteered her time to Trinity Lutheran School and was one of the first woman board members of the Trinity Lutheran Boy Scout Troop.

Carol worked while raising her children serving in several office and accounting administrative positions for companies in the Cape Girardeau area. Carol always had a passion for cooking and turned this interest into a career in the food service industry serving as catering manager for universities in Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, and Wisconsin. She retired in 2013 returning to the St. Louis area where she married Chandler James. Carol devoted her time to renovating their home in Bloomsdale, Missouri and becoming an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Festus, Missouri volunteering her

time and hosting many church and family events.

Survivors include two sons, Chris (Paulette Grana) Dougan, and Gregg (Dana) Dougan; two sisters, Esther Waldrup and Mary Drake; six grandchildren, Denise Dougan-Brown, Forrest (Nicole) Dougan, Molly (Adam) Moon, Connor (Samantha) Dougan, Bridget Dougan, and Liam Dougan. Carol also leaves behind three great-grandchildren, Jace and Jonnie Brown, and Lachlan Dougan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Tim Dougan; and husband, Chandler James.

A Visitation, Memorial Service and Lunch will be at 10:00 a.m. November 16 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Festus, Missouri. The Rev. Kyle Castens of Immanuel Lutheran Church will officiate. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund in Festus, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Carol James.*



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November 15, 2024 at 04:04 PM



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

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol James.*



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November 15, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ *Aunt Carol was always such a welcoming person. I can remember her laughter and kindness. Although years would go by, she always greeted us with a hug. Mom and I are so sorry for your loss and pray your hearts will be comforted with wonderful memories and God's grace.*  
*LaDonna Pratt and Aunt Mona Smith.*

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**LaDonna Pratt** - October 31, 2024 at 09:36 AM

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“ Always a smile and welcoming hug! Carol will be so missed at the many events we shared attending. YAH( Young At Heart monthly luncheons), our Widows monthly luncheon fellowship that Carol started, and so many other wonderful times and memories!!Til we meet again Carol- rest in peace I will miss you!!



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**Lynn** - October 27, 2024 at 12:31 AM

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*I loved you while you were here, and I will remember you with love until we meet again. God has you now, Carol!*

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**Margaret Karen DeClue** - October 28, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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*This world has lost a wonderful person and beautiful soul. I am going to miss her smile and hugs.*

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**Gayle French** - October 28, 2024 at 12:48 PM