



Carol Sue Parmer

April 4, 2021

2 Timothy 4:7, She fought the good fight, she finished the race, she kept the faith.

Carol Sue Parmer went home to be with Jesus early on Easter morning, April 4, 2021. She was born in Oxford, PA on December 3, 1939 to Ralph and Doris Thomas. Most of her childhood was spent growing up near Zion, Maryland, where she was known to all as "Susie." During her teen years, she captured the title of May Queen at Rising Sun High School where she also developed many lifelong friendships. As a young adult, she met Earl Parmer, married him and moved to Lancaster, PA. On June 12th, they would have marked 59 years together.

They raised 3 daughters, Carol Lynn (Steve) Hargan, Debra Mae Fry, and Cindy (Dave) Williams. Their family grew, eventually adding 9 grandchildren; Lakisha, Tonya, Ashlee, Sheena, Deanne, Tyler, Michaela, Josiah and Ryker. The next generation brought 23 great-grandchildren into her life. In the summer, she spent warm, fun loving days by her pool, surrounded by 3 generations of family. The other seasons were spent at gatherings with her family or traveling with siblings or friends. Her family meant the world to her.

While raising her children, she taught them, by example, the value of hard work. She managed to have a delicious home cooked meal on the table every

night. The various houses her and Earl raised their family in were known for being decorated beautifully and in accordance with the latest trends. During these years, she always worked a full time job...Hamilton Watch, Schick, RCA, Acme Markets, Millersville University, and Shultz Transportation. While driving school bus, she decided to expand her horizons. She went back to school to study and earn her license to be a nail technician. In the 1980's, she opened her own business, Heavenly Nail Salon. While successfully managing her thriving business, she developed many friendships with her employees and clients. After her retirement, never one to sit idly by, she decided to work part-time and spent a few years with Costco, handing out those samples everyone loves. She always got great joy from the people where she worked, adding to her treasure trove of friendships.

Carol loved to drive. Among her peers, she earned a reputation in the 1950's as a drag racing champion. Carol was the one you would call when it was snowing to take you somewhere – she could always handle things safely behind the wheel. On the other hand, on snowy days, Carol was the one you could catch in a nearby parking lot spinning donuts. She loved country music. She loved shoes and shopping and clothes and the color purple. She loved the Lord and attending bible studies and church services. She always encouraged her family with her faith to grow in their own faith. She loved dinners out with Earl and friends or family. She especially loved time with her great grandchildren...laughing at their funny quips, soaking in their love for her and showering them with her love. They brought her so much joy.

In 2018, she received the news she had a very rare, very aggressive type of cancer. She bravely went through all the treatments recommended to her, all the while keeping her strong faith. She outlived her prognosis by quite a bit, with mostly marvelous days spent with family and friends. When the disease recently started to take its toll on her body, she pushed on...wanting visits from her family. They all put a smile on her face and the littlest ones made her

laugh out loud, even when she was in tremendous pain. Earl was by her side, caring for her, sharing her joys and sorrows each and every minute. And she constantly told the rest of us how wonderful he was and how amazingly well he was taking care of her.

Carol "Susie" is also survived by her brother, Donald (Ruth Anne) Thomas and sister, Betty Boyle, as well as her sister-in-law, Naomi Thomas. She was predeceased by her brother, Gene Thomas, as well as a great-granddaughter, Sarah Grace Stefanow.

The family would like to thank her doctors and nurses from the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center, especially Stacy Wenzel who went above and beyond in her level of care and concern for Carol and her family.

Please join the family as we celebrate the life of Carol...Wife, Mother, Nana, Great Grandmother at The Groffs Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. The family will receive friends at The Groffs on Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until time of service. Interment at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery.

A livestream of the service will be available on Friday, April 9 2021 at 11:30 am at the following Tribucast link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/7336070>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
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APR 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Sue Parmer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *To the Palmer Family: Sorry for the delay in sending this. My condolences and continued prayers in your loss. Jackie Griest - Quarryville/Saxton*



Jacqueline Griest - April 17, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *To Earl, and girls. Just wanted to send our sympathies on Carol's passing. My mom Flora has so many fond memories of your wife/mother. I remember one so fondly when they dressed up for Halloween many many years ago. Carol was a true friend to my mother and she will miss her so much. You are all in our thoughts. God bless you all. Love Flora and family.*

Chris baublitz - April 12, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *To Carol's Family , I have fond memories of your mother. She was a beautiful example of a Christian. What a treasure for all of you to have her in your lives. She is reaping her rewards . My thoughts are with you all as you live out your future days without your loved one. With Sympathy, Alice Forry*

Alice Forry - April 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Parmer.



April 08, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ I have many pleasant memories growing up in Zion and having a friend like Susie. We also attended Calvert Elementary School. Even though we didn't see each other often, it always seemed just like yesterday. My prayers are with the family at this time. Susan Foster Hall

Susan Foster Hall - April 08, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Our sympathy to the Parmer family. We know of your mother through our friendship with Carol and Steve Hargan. What good memories you have of this excellent and special person.

Kathy and Steve Dunlap

Kathleen Dunlap - April 08, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Parmer.



April 07, 2021 at 09:17 PM

RM

“ *Rita McMillan lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



Rita McMillan - April 07, 2021 at 11:32 AM

AH

“ *So sorry for your loss. School mates and good friends for many year. Thinking of all of yous*

Ann hershey - April 07, 2021 at 10:31 AM

NF

“ *Nancy Majchrzak & Family lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



Nancy Majchrzak & Family - April 07, 2021 at 09:30 AM

PG

“ *My Condolences to The Family. Peggy Giberson*

Peggy Giberson - April 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Parmer.*



April 06, 2021 at 07:41 PM

MP

“ Mae and Dave Parker purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol Sue Parmer.



Mae and Dave Parker - April 06, 2021 at 05:59 PM

VM

“ To the Family of Carol: Our deepest condolences... We met Carol through my sister in law: Betty Mendez. May God continue to strengthen the family and give Peace to all! Victor and Theresa Mendez.

Victor and Theresa Mendez - April 06, 2021 at 03:22 PM

LG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lisa Groff - April 06, 2021 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ I am sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. My condolences are extended to the family.

I first had appointments with Carol for manicures when her shop was in the basement of her home. Such a sweet lady and a professional manicurist.

Joan Martin - April 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ *Debbie and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. May you find peace in the promise of Gods word that one day you will be reunited with your Mom again.

“I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.” — John 6:47-48

Matt, Michelle, and David Stoner



Matt and Michelle Stoner - April 06, 2021 at 08:01 AM

VT

“ *Verna Trimble lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



Verna Trimble - April 05, 2021 at 10:52 PM

DP

“ *Dave And Mae Parker lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



Dave and Mae Parker - April 05, 2021 at 08:31 PM

CF

“ *Charlene (Parmer) Sweigart And Family lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



Charlene (Parmer) Sweigart and family - April 05, 2021 at 07:56 PM

TF

“ *The Creese And Boyle Families lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



The Creese and Boyle families - April 05, 2021 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ *The Stefanow Family lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Parmer*



The Stefanow Family - April 05, 2021 at 06:56 PM