



Carolyn D (Ward) Peters

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Carolyn D. (Ward) Peters, 80, of Decatur, passed away Monday, August 13, 2012 at 2:20 p.m. peacefully in her home.

Carolyn was born January 12, 1932 in Melrose, Iowa the daughter of Frank and Catherine (Curran) Ward. Carolyn married the love of her life, Daniel T. Peters on November 15, 1951 at the Great Lakes Naval Academy. She retired from Illinois Bell Telephone Company and was currently employed at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Carolyn will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and wife, and a faithful and loyal friend to many. She lived life to the fullest and cherished time spent with her seven grandchildren and great grandson. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and Illinois Bell Pioneer Club.

She is survived by her loving children: daughter, Mary Kay (Mike) Markwell; sons: Daniel J. (Cindy) Peters and Martin J. (Kim) Peters; grandchildren: Ryan (Megan) Markwell and Blake Markwell, Jennifer and Katie Peters, and Carlee, Claire, and Daniel Peters; great grandchild, Matthew Glosser and one to be born March of 2013; sisters: Helen Bertram of East Moline and Judy (Wayne) Settles of Silvis; brothers: Leo Ward of Des Moines, IA and William Ward of East Moline; sister-in-law, Marna Ward of Florida; her best friend and sister-in-law, Mary Lou Johnson, and many other relatives, friends and close neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Mary Virnig and brothers: Donald, John, and Marty Ward.

Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial celebrating her life will be at 2 p.m., Friday, August 17, 2012 in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; visitation will begin at 11 a.m. in the church. Burial will follow in Boiling Springs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.



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CL

Chris L posted:

I just want to say I am already missing the stories that my mom (Judy) would share with me after her daily talks with Aunt Carolyn! I know everyone misses her so, as she was so dear to all who met her! So many many times I would be with my mom and her phone would ring once and she would say "Oh, that's Carolyn, I have to call her back." That was their system and it is so sad to not here that phone ring just once again knowing that another great convo is near! Love to you all in Decatur!! Chrissy ??

August 22 at 9:10 AM

LL

Lisa Blazier Lemezis posted:

Mary Kay & family, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a special person with a lot of heart and I will always remember her with a smile. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

August 20 at 8:57 AM

LS

Lora & Pat Shay posted:

All of Carolyn's family. We are so sorry about Carolyn's death. She was my best friend for ever. I will miss all our calls and fun times from the time we were single. God Bless all of you. She is with the Love of her life and we will always miss them.

August 19 at 9:47 AM

BB

Bobby, Lucia And Shanna Bertram posted:

Dearest Cousins: We want you to all know that our thoughts and our prayers are with you. Our Aunt Carolyn was the best! Always, opened her home to us, always fun-loving and generous....We express our sympathy long distance since we could not all be there for you at the funeral. We understand that it was a beautiful day for Aunt Carolyn and we want you to know that we send our love...Mom (Helen) reassured us that our memorial got to you just fine, and, again we want you to know that our love and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Love, Bobby, Lucia and Shanna Bertram

August 18 at 2:48 PM



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PL

Phebe Lashmet posted:

Carolyn, what a beautiful funeral you had today. So many, many friends that all loved you so! Your kids and grandkids did such a wonderful job, and I can't think of one of your friends that wasn't there. Rest in peace my dear friend of 47 years. We will miss you so! Love, Muffet

August 18 at 11:31 AM

GS

Gloria Shields posted:

Danny, MaryKay and Marty. You are in my thoughts and prayers, so sorry to hear about your Mom she was one of the best. She always made us laugh when she came into the Decatur Firemen's Credit Union. She will be missed by many. Gloria

August 18 at 7:14 AM

PL

Peggy Yonker Lenz posted:

Mary Kay, Danny and Marty, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. Does not seem real, it feels like just the other day we were all riding bikes around Windsor Village, childhood memories I will never forget. You are all in my thoughts and prayers today. Love you guys...

August 17 at 8:11 AM

JM

Juli McPherson posted:

Words cannot express my heartfelt sympathy for Carolyn's family. She was such a dear, sweet friend to my daughter, Nicole. When we moved back to Iowa, Nicole stayed behind in Decatur and could always count on Carolyn's friendship, encouragement & laughs to get her through not having family in town. Nicole & Carolyn shared many hours working together and for that friendship I will always be grateful. We enjoyed her company at graduations. Such a great laugh & smile. I will never look at a pretty scarf again, without thinking of Carolyn! What a great legacy to have been a friend to so many. With love, Juli McPherson, Davenport, Iowa

August 16 at 11:14 AM

PM

Patrick Mundy posted:

Mary Kay, Danny and Marty. Very sorry to hear about your mother. She was so well liked in all types of circles. I saw her not long ago at DMH and she looked great. Always pleasant and smiling and talking, must be a Peters gift. You all are in my thoughts.

August 16 at 10:56 AM



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CJ

Carmela Johnson posted:

Carolyn was an awesome person and the best friend you could have. She one of my first friends at DMH. We have been friends for 21 yrs. I will miss her tremendously she has seen my through alot will be lost without her. She will be greatly missed.

August 16 at 10:50 AM

BW

Bill Ward posted:

Carolyn, you were the greatest as a sister, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother & friend. You always accepted everything with ease and compassion. You never let the small stuff bother you in anyway. You were the same everyday – just a darling. I have always been proud to call you my sister and best friend. There will never be another like you. We do miss you already and that will continue to our passing. May you rest in Heaven with all the angels. Love Always, Brother Bill

August 15 at 6:47 PM

JU

Judy posted:

Carolyn – I love you so much – and will miss you every day – Hope you are safe and happy.

August 15 at 6:19 PM

SA

Sue Moody Auten posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Carolyn's passing. She was such a wonderful person and always stopped to chat with me whenever I saw her. I know when my son Liam was born, she gave me a beautiful blanket with his name and date of birth embroidered on it. I will always cherish it. She was always so giving.... I know she will be missed by all. My prayers and love go out to all the family.

August 15 at 6:06 PM

DP

Dmh Same Day Surgery/Pacu posted:

We will miss Carolyn so much! She was such an asset to our Telecommunications Dept. Our Sympathy to the Family and her co-workers. Here's to YOU Kid! You were one in a Million!!

August 15 at 4:29 PM



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JM

Jacquie Mangus posted:

Danny so sorry for you loss. Carolyn was loved by all. She always came to Drake's birthdays when he was little. She thought he was the most beautiful child she had ever seen. Carolyn will be missed by all. Praying for your family and ofcourse you Danny.

August 15 at 2:52 PM

TN

Todd Newell posted:

So sorry to the entire Peters clan for their loss. Carolyn was a such a special lady and she will be truly missed. I don't think that I've every meet a more welcoming person, wether you would stop by her house or see her in public and Carolyn was as genuine as one could be. She did so much for all of us as kids. She is in a better place and you are all in our prayers

August 15 at 2:49 PM

ST

Staci posted:

Mary Kay, I m so sorry about the loss of your mother. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time ??Staci @ R D Hughes

August 15 at 2:27 PM

RG

Ruth Greene posted:

You have my condolences, rest in peace and may God be with you. Ruth Greene

August 15 at 1:55 PM

JS

Jean & Bill Schneider posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. We are glad that we have so many happy memories. May you have the strength that only God can give. Jean and Bill Schneider

August 15 at 12:01 PM



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SF

Sweeley Family posted:

Carolyn you were a gift on earth to so many. Heaven got a little brighter the day you entered and I know you were greeted there by so many. You enriched my life and so many others. You will be missed.

August 15 at 11:05 AM

CW

Cynthia Novak Warner posted:

I was deeply saddened to read of Carolyn's passing. She was a super lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

August 15 at 10:58 AM

DA

Dick And Lou posted:

Marty, Kimmy and children: You are in our hearts and prayers. Dick and Lou

August 15 at 10:09 AM

EF

Eunice Foss posted:

Sorry for the loss of your dear sister Carolyn. You will always have a lot of happy memories of her. A friend of the family Eunice Foss from Florida.

August 15 at 10:00 AM

SM

Shannon Mason posted:

Carolyn, I love you...I will miss you so much. You were one of the most influential women in my whole life....you would be pissed at my sadness and tell me to get over it kid! Im so happy you are reunited with the love of your life though. Can't be greedy...Thank you God for giving us Carolyn Peters. You will be missed by so many. Love, Shannon

August 15 at 9:43 AM

DS

Dave Senger posted:

I am sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was always had that beautiful smile that could only make you smile as well. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

August 15 at 8:32 AM



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TC

Tony Custin posted:

So very sorry to hear that Carolyn has passed away. I knew Carolyn since I was a kid as my mom (Bernie Custin) worked with Carolyn for many years at Illinois Bell. Years later I got the chance often to see Carolyn when I worked at DMH. She always had a smile and her quick wit and humor will be missed. God bless and rest in peace Carolyn!

August 15 at 7:46 AM

JN

Judy And John Newlin posted:

Sorry to hear about Carolyn's passing. She was a neat lady. Probably 35 years ago, our sons played baseball with some of you. The mothers from Lourdes started playing softball on Sunday afternoon and I think Carolyn was one of them. Anytime, I ran into her, she always spoke and remembered us. Our condolences are sent to each of you.

August 15 at 7:38 AM

SB

Sheila & Fred Billick posted:

Dear Family of Carolyn, We're saddened to hear the news of my first cousin Carolyn's passing. Please know you are all in our thought and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing she has now rejoined others she has loved and missed over the years.

August 14 at 7:48 PM

CD

Charlene Davis posted:

Ward family, I'm so sorry for your loss. She is in heaven with her loved ones. She will be safe.

August 14 at 7:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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