



## Carolyn Sue Murray

April 27, 1962 - July 21, 2020

Carolyn Murray was born April 27th, 1962 in Vienna, VA, she sadly lost her two year battle to breast cancer on July 21, 2020.

My dearest Carolyn...she will always be the love of my life. When I first met Carolyn she worked as a bank teller in Vienna, VA. My job at the time involved daily bank deposits for the local school system, and as fate would have it, one of the bag locks broke. First time I walked into the bank I spotted her immediately. I was called to line by a different teller, and after I explained the purpose of my visit she pointed to Carolyn and said "she will help you". She couldn't possibly know how true that statement would turn out to be. Two weeks later we moved in together, 37 years later we have the memories of a wonderful life together.

Carolyn had so much love to share as I discovered during these trying times. All her fantastic friends came to her side and the feeling of joy to know Carolyn was loved by so many...it's difficult for me to put into words. Please share your feelings, just remember I loved her the most-est! Frank & Carolyn, always and forever.

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ I’m so sorry to hear of my childhood friend’s passing. As a kid, Carolyn lived across the street from me and most of my childhood memories involve Carolyn - going to Vienna Woods Swim Club, bowling duckpins at Bowl America (we were pretty good and we had the trophies to prove it!), cookouts, watching Santa Claus Conquers the Martians all day at the movie theater at Christmastime so our parents could get Christmas shopping, Campfire Girls, sleepovers, birthday parties, church choirs, picnics at Ebbitide Beach, Barbies (her dad had to repair quite a few of them for us - darn Barbie and her arms and legs that snap off when you try to dress her), collecting colorful bandanas, learning to walk in high heels, cutting each other’s bangs (really badly)... when I think of childhood, Carolyn is always there in every memory, from misunderstanding song lyrics (Tidings of Comfort and Joy doesn’t actually say “to save us all from Santa’s power” after all), to boycotting Glyndon Market, to almost losing her off a ride at King’s Dominion (she was so slender, she slipped out of the harness and I held her in the ride by wrapping my legs around her torso and grabbing her belt with both hands), to sleeping outside in the tree fort during the summer.

*I only found this obituary because some of our old friends from the Vienna neighborhood have decided to get together and we had lost track of Carolyn. Researching lead to her father Wayne’s obituary and it mentioned Carolyn’s married name, so here I am, saddened that this is where my search ends. I’ve let our childhood crew, Ann, Dianna, and Laura know we’ve lost our dear Carolyn, and they send their condolences, too.*

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**Lori (Donley) Petterson** - May 26, 2023 at 03:00 AM

WE

“ Carolyn was a beautiful, strong woman that i was privileged to know. I wish Frank and family peace knowing she was loved by all who knew her.

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**Wendy Ennis** - August 12, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JF

“ It is not often that special people come into your life that become instant friends. Carolyn and Frank are exactly those special people to me. I will always think fondly of the time spent I with Carolyn and the inspiration she gave me to fight, no matter how hard life becomes.

*Carolyn, you are truly missed. I hope you rest easy and I look forward to seeing you again in the afterlife!*

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**Jim Filippi** - August 04, 2020 at 05:49 PM

VG

“ I will always remember the embarrassing photos of Frank and the boys you shared with me and all the laughs we had. I will cherish the memory of how sweet and genuine you were. May you Rest In Peace and I hope we meet again.

Victor Garcia - August 03, 2020 at 09:48 PM

KK

“ Oh Carolyn How I have dreaded writing this, because it feels like good bye.. Instead I hope it's see you later.. You are one of the best friends I ever had. People can say oh that's my best friend but really Carolyn when you were a friend you were a true true friend. I remember our days together laughing care free driving down the road singing to the Backstreet Boys two 30 some odd year old women singing to the Backstreet Boys That was fun times. our children went to the same school they were just little ones. Our children played together. We spent a lot of time together Our children went trick or treating together as we would walk down the street we always had fun no matter what we did. I recall 2 surgeries that I had and you were there with a happy heart To help me and my family... One of my most memorable times was when I had sinus surgery the doctor told me not to take my medicine before he was to take the packing out you are there in the office with me when doctor Chen a small oriental Sinus doctor Came in the Room he yanked that packing out and I cried so hard he walked out of the Room and you whispered to me Kim I think I can take him I almost died laughing it was the funniest thing I think I have ever heard you say. I think the thing that I regret the most is moving away from you. Since you Carolyn I never had another friend that had my back the way you did. I remember The Times we would sit on your patio and just watch the hummingbirds flying around. I regret that we were not in touch for all those years I tried desperately Looking you up. But when I found you I didn't realize that it would be a couple of months and you would be gone. I always thought that we would rekindle that friendship. But of course talking to you that 1 time it was like no time had passed we picked up right where we left off as friends. You were the most loyal wife that I have ever known You always talked kindly And lovingly About your Frank, And when it came to being a mom you always wanted your children to have everything You were such a good mom. Since you've passed I have felt A hole in my heart but yet have felt your presence. Even in the afterlife you are trying to let me know that it's going to be OK I'd love you Carolyn I will miss you forever and A-day Until we Meet again my friend..

I will see you later      

Kim Kolling - August 01, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DF

“ Frank, Ryan and Nathan I am truly sorry for your loss. Your wife and mom was a beautiful soul. It was about 29 years ago when I met Carolyn for the first time. We were Navy wives in Pensacola I had come back after a few months of trying to work back in Connecticut. I had returned back to our Navy housing where we didn't have a lot, none of us did and she had popped over to say hi and I remember saying to her something like “oh excuse my glasses” as all that was in the house was red solo cups and she said something like “oh our party cups”. Apparently my husband and she and Frank and some other people in our housing area were having little get togethers while I was gone . We had a good laugh and after that we became friends. We had a lot of great times and some sad times while stationed together. I have to say that I regret that after all the moves with the Navy that we lost touch. She was a beautiful, fun, friendly person and I am honored to have been a part of her life for that short time . She will always hold a special place in my heart.



Donna Faunce - July 26, 2020 at 05:39 PM

ST

“ I met Carolyn a little over 2 years ago through a real estate transaction, little did I know strong friendship would begin. Not only were Carolyn and Frank fantastic to work with, they were fantastic people. I will cherish the memory of Carolyn, on more than one occasion, would call us up and say "I'm bowling today and will stop by your office on the way home to say Hi and give you boys a hug" She will be dearly missed.

Much love to your family

Scott

Scott Tonnesen - July 26, 2020 at 02:04 PM

GL

“ It has taken me a bit to process this all. My beautiful Carolyn..i have so many great memories of us, you were always my go to and yet over the years we had drifted so far apart. We had a blast in Virginia building the waterbed blasted out of our minds and me becoming "glowy in the darky" forever..i remember sharing the birth of Nathan and being one of the first to hold him in Pensacola, your coming to Ohio for a wedding that never happened and winding up on a road trip to New Jersey...yeah those were the days..always a whacky adventure. You were at my wedding years later in New Jersey, unclogging a toilet bowl with a 2 liter bottle of coke cola..as we laughed so hard on the bathroom floor..what a team we were. I want remember why we drifted apart? Distance? I dont know. But now that you were always on my mind. Frank, Ryan, and Nathan I send you all my love I am so very sorry for your loss.

Glowsy - July 26, 2020 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ Carolyn loved the color Orange! I thought that so remarkable since most people I know choose blue green maybe purple. Her choice was so true to her nature - she was a one of a kind person - dared to be different - bright and bold. I loved her laugh and her ability to see wonder and magic in the world. She loved us all and we loved her dearly. She will be sorely missed.

Love to Frank, Ryan and Nathan  
Mary Murray

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Mary Murray - July 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM

RC

“ I know that heaven is a much more beautiful place now because they've got you. You bright and fighting spirit will always bring joy to me. May you be at peace and an angel to watch over loved ones.

Love,  
Rachel



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Rachel Chivers - July 25, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JG

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Jenn Genis - July 23, 2020 at 07:56 PM

RM

“ Frank, Ryan and Nathan

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time! We are with you in spirit! Virtual hugs to all of you!

Bobby and Debbie

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Robert Murray - July 23, 2020 at 05:12 PM

FR

“ Carolyn was a part of our family for over 20 years. From birthday parties to all our family functions she was always there. She was loved dearly and will truly be missed.

Franziska - July 23, 2020 at 05:05 PM

MR

“ Carolyn our Sister! In the past 37 years you have always been my friend! Always there for laughs, heartache and deviled eggs! We stood by and watched you encircle this family with nothing but love. Rick and I watched as you showed unconditional love to my brother Frank, we watched as you surrounded your family with strength and support nothing less. You raised two incredible young men we thank you for them! Rick and I wish you peace and god speed through you next adventure, on your way give mom a hug from us here.



*My dear loving Carolyn, you are and will always be missed!*

*Love Missy and Rick*

Melissa Regello - July 23, 2020 at 03:47 PM

MB

“ Carolyn was the best friend and auntie to my whole family. She always put others over herself and loved with all her heart. I am going to miss our book club and the shopping trips to Larry's. My children saw her as an auntie and loved her dearly. She was an amazing person and will be missed by many.  
*Maria Bowden and family*

Maria Bowden - July 23, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Carolyn had best laugh I have ever heard it was infectious. She will be missed dearly by many 🙏

*Cindy Lewis*

Cindy Lewis - July 23, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JG

“ Carolyn was my teammate and friend. We shared many lunches together after bowling. We bowled together twice a week until she could no longer bowl. Even then she wanted to go to see everybody. I will miss her - her sense of humor, her ability to really listen and her caring. I love you Carolyn.

Joan Gorrell - July 23, 2020 at 02:35 PM

CK

We shared a name, carolyn Murray, and her husband frank is my nephew. We lived close at one time but I moved to palm desert and I haven't seen either of you for a long time. It was the recent death of my brother and frank's dad that allowed us to connect once again. He told me that you were going through your second series of chemo and that you were fighting very hard. He told me that you were surrounded by wonderful friends and that your boys were a true blessing to her and to him. I want you all to know that you are All in my prayers as you grieve the loss of your wife and your mother and all the memories you have are good.

Love, aunt carolyn 🙏🙏🙏🙏💕

carolyn kramer - July 23, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JG

Carolyn an I were the best of friends for over 20 years... I have so many memories that I will always cherish... She was a rock for me when my first husband passed... I was there for her when her father passed... when my husband brought home 5 two week old kittens that needed to be bottle fed every 2 hours She would come every morning to feed them so I could get a little sleep... she loved bottle feeding them and watching them grow... she even named a few 😊. They are now 17 years old... when she ventured into getting her chinchillas I was there helping her along the way... We loved collecting gem stones together... we shared the good and the bad of each other's lives... every year on 4th of July she made her ambrosia salad and always had a separate container for me to make sure I'd get some because it was my favorite... I could go on and on about Carolyn... her bright smile, her lil snort when she laughed, her telling me "I love you baby" at the end of every phone call... my heart is truly broken... the only comfort that I have is that she is no longer in pain... heaven gained an amazing angel Tuesday... she will always be in my thoughts and in my heart... so with that I say to you Carolyn, spread those wings and fly high and soar... but don't go too far because I still need you here with me... I will miss you more than you will ever know... "I love you baby"

Jenn Genis

Jenn Genis - July 23, 2020 at 08:25 PM