



Carolyn Weldon Harper

January 23, 1941 - October 10, 2021

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Carolyn Harper, 80, of Kansas City, MO passed away Sunday, 10/10/2021 after a long battle with cancer.

There will be a Celebration of Life ceremony held at Riverstone Apts. clubhouse at 8940 N. Shannon Ave. Kansas City, MO 64153 on Sunday October 31st, 2021 between 9:30 and 11:30 am. All are welcome

Carolyn was born in Sherman, TX to Clovis and Mildred (Wormington) Weldon. She lived in several locations around the US including one of her favorites, Galveston, TX. Her family landed in St. Louis, MO where she graduated from Maplewood Richmond Heights High School in 1959.

She later moved to KC, MO where she joined the company, she was most proud of working at, Farmland Industries. She retired from there after a wonderful career of 22 years in 2002.

She met John (JR) Harper thru the KC Skyliners Tall Club in 1987. They married and spent 34 years together. She always considered herself a “Cougar” since he was born the year she graduated from high school.

In addition to her parents and in-law parents, she was preceded in death by son Jeff Early, brother-in-law Carlos Sardina, and son-in-law's Joel Klawuhn and Daniel Tholen.

Carolyn is survived by husband JR, Judy Sardina (The sister she requested one Christmas when asked by family friends what she wanted and replied a little sister named Judy), daughters Deanna (Tim) Macken and Elaine (Clint) Riddle, sister in-laws Janet (Ken) Kisinger, Shirley (Doug) Burche, brother in-law Ray (Diana) Harper, grandchildren Megan Klawuhn, Max (Rachel) Klawuhn, Burke Tholen , Victoria Tholen, nephew Carlos (Kristen) Sardina II, great niece Olivia Kate Sardina, great nephew Carlos Sardina III and numerous step nieces and nephews. She became a Great Grandmother for the first time this year to Juniper Lee Ernst.

In lieu of flowers the family requests you make a donation to your favorite charity or any of the following: Northland Cat Clinic, KU Cancer Center, or Kindred Hospice who all helped her at the later stages of her life.

Tribute Wall

BY

“ I worked with Carolyn at Farmland. After Farmland went out of business and we lost our jobs, a bunch of us ladies met monthly to get together to have lunch. I always enjoyed these meetings and got to know Carolyn as a very sweet and nice person. I'm sure she will be missed by all.

Betty Yochim - October 15, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Carolyn's family especially JR who I took great pleasure in irritating Carolyn by calling him her boy toy because of his age. She loved him with all her heart and I was always very impressed with how he protected her always throughout her cancer battle. JR u are special and she was blessed to have u. I was blessed to know both of u.

Dolores Buchanan

Dolores Buchanan - October 13, 2021 at 08:28 PM

 Geri
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“ When talking with Carolyn, she gave you ALL of her attention and reveled in news that you wanted to share with her.

Carolyn came to our Farmland department in 1979. I brought my baby daughter into the office. Carolyn wanted to hold her and promptly pooped on Carolyn's white pleated skirt. I offered to pay for her skirt to be dry-cleaned but she declined. I never saw her wear that skirt again!

Another memory from work showed how feisty she could be. I was teaching an introductory class in a programming language to employees in our department. Her boss, Dick, wanted Carolyn to take the class. Dr. Sanders even sat in on the class but never did any of the 'homework'. He just wanted to become somewhat familiar with the process. After only one day Carolyn made it well known that she was NOT doing this and she was a secretary THANK YOU very much.

Carolyn, Judy and I all had January birthdays. We tried to go out to eat every year to celebrate. Lots of times we went to Cascone's. Farmland friends shared many ups and downs in her life. We were surprised she dated and married JR as she was stealing from the cradle. Ha! It was a good match for both of them.

Carolyn enjoyed her cats throughout her life. At Christmas last year she shared the Great-Grandma sweatshirt Megan gave her to announce the news. In those last months she really enjoyed the photos of Juniper.

Carolyn will be missed by all that were lucky to consider her a friend! Geri

Geri Hilker Rickert - October 13, 2021 at 10:40 AM

HT

She will be missed but having known her has been a blessing to me...never a dull moment being around her...whether at work years ago, pic roast at Lake Perry, Ladies Night out, or most recent breakfast outings with coworkers every Wednesday morning....lots of laughs and good times...those memories will always stay with me...she has a great family and sympathies go out to each one of them...she was loved by all..."Super Lady"

Heidi Tousignant - October 15, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JS

I called Carolyn "Sisser" when I still had a baby lisp and that name stuck for the rest of her life. When she was a child, she would get stressed if she got anything on her clothes or hands. She could not stand to be dirty, maybe that is why she was always inside. I, on the other hand was always outside and always dirty. Mother used to say "one of these kids is not mine". We were certainly opposites but it never affected our love for each other. I missed her even before she passed because all her emails and texts stopped. I love you Sisser.

Judy Sardina - October 16, 2021 at 08:04 AM