



Carol Gaye (Smith) Carter

October 29, 1942 - February 2, 2013

Carole Gaye (Smith) Carter was born October 29, 1942 to Howard Franklin Smith and Helen (Mitchell) Fellows in Albany, Oregon.

In 1954, Carole and her family came to Missouri where she spent the majority of her growing up years. As a young woman, Carole began working on Fort Leonard Wood at the Quarter Master Laundry and also drove a school bus for the Waynesville R-VI School District and a cab for Jack Fry. She later moved to Kansas City where she also drove a school bus and a cab. After leaving Kansas City, Carole moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and worked as a butcher for Cattleman Steak House. Carole had a love of nature and while in Oklahoma she attended Horticulture School.

In 1975, Carole was united in marriage to Benjermin Max Carter in Miami, Oklahoma. They shared the next ten years together before Ben preceded her in death in 1985.

In 1997, Ben and Carole moved back to the Fort Leonard Wood / Waynesville area and in August of that year, Carole began working at Copeland (Emerson Climate Technologies) in Lebanon, Missouri. She worked there until she retired due to medical reasons in March 2006. In her spare time, she enjoyed woodworking and art painting.

Carole passed away Saturday, February 2, 2013 in the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 70 years, 3 months and 4 days.

Carole will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. She is survived by two brothers: Jack Smith (Joyce) of Sullivan, MO and Joseph Smith (Deborah) of Waynesville, MO; one sister: Kathie Turner of St. Robert, MO; nieces and nephews: Ashley, Kendra, Ryan, Kelly, Wendy, Angie, Scott, Dianna and Paul Edward; special and close friend: Wilma Clements; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, Carole was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. Serving as escorts were Joe Smith, Charles Thomure, Ron Miller, Bob Moore and Ryan Smith. Serving as honorary escort was Jack Smith. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)
Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery
Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Gaye (Smith) Carter*

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