

Carol Anne Wallis
July 18, 1942 - June 16, 2019

Carol Anne Wallis, age 76, of Pickford, Michigan, went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 16, 2019. She was born on July 18, 1942, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Laverne Anna (Kalupa) and Edward William Natharius.

Carol grew up in the Lansing Area of Michigan and graduated from Okemos High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University. While working one summer in Cedarville, Michigan, she met William "Bill" Frederick Wallis of Pickford, and on August 15, 1964, they were married in East Lansing. Carol and Bill made their home on his family's farm in Pickford. Carol taught school for a few years before they welcomed their first of seven children. To Carol, being a mom was the most important "job" she could ever wish to have. She raised her children with love, and once they were almost grown and had spread their wings, she returned to teaching where other children were blessed with her loving spirit as well. When she retired from teaching, she spent much of her time watching her grandchildren grow, helping care for them, and attending their school events.

Carol was an active member in the Pickford Presbyterian Church, where she served on the church Session, sang in the choir, participated in various Bible studies, and for several years was the director for Vacation Bible School.

Carol and Bill enjoyed attending sporting and school events of their children and grandchildren, and Carol traveled on several vacations with family and friends. Carol was an avid gardener and in recent years her additional hobbies included Book Club and challenging her grandchildren to intense Scrabble games. Since retirement, she developed a passion for quilting and became close friends with others in "The Friendship Star Quilters", traveling to quilting retreats and going on "Shop Hops" with them.

Carol is survived by her children, Jana (Walt) Franke of Traverse City, Bryce Wallis of Pickford, Amy (Jeff) Blumenthal of Ossineke, Darin (Ressie Stranaly) Wallis of Pickford, Julie (Jim) Izzard of Petoskey, Jill (Mike) Brown of Daggett, and Shaunna (Randy)

MacDonald of Pickford; grandchildren, Connor, Colton, Cara, Caleb, Joel, Jared, Ava, Alexa, Ian (Bailee), Mia, Emma, Seth, Jack, Shane, Ethan, Morgan, Griffin, Ella, Eli, and Liam; brother-in-law and special friend, Jim Quinnell of Pickford; sisters-in-law, Ardith Bawks of Sault Ste. Marie, Ginny Wallis of Cadillac, Michigan, and June (Keller) Suberkropp of Sliver Lake, New Mexico.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; parents; brother, Ed Natharius; sisters-in-law, Beth Quinnell and Judy Wallis; and brothers-in-law, Dale Bawks and Gerald Wallis.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. The Funeral Service will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend John Ritchie officiating.

Burial will be at Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township in Pickford, immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pickford Presbyterian Church, 115 E. John Street, PO Box 266, Pickford, MI 49774.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

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Events

Cottle Cemetery

5431 E Townline Road Pickford, MI, 49774 JUN Visitation

11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Pickford Presbyterian Church M-129 and John Street, Pickford, MI, US, 49774

JUN Funeral Service

02:00PM

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Comments



My heart is heavy having read of Carol's passing. I grew up with Jill and always knew Carol as "Jill's mom", but when I was a Junior I was lucky enough to be placed as a special education assistant for one of my class periods and Carol was the teacher in that class. For that year we spent an hour of each weekday together, and I grew to know her; not just as "Jill's mom", but also as a loving, friendly, supportive educator whose care and kindness for the students and staff was sincere, and frankly down right infectious! She was a woman I always greatly admired, and I am truly a better person for knowing her.

I wish you all peace and comfort in this very sad time.

Trisha Thompson-Jennings - June 29, 2019 at 10:50 PM



From Sue Jane & Katy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carol Anne Wallis.



From Sue Jane & Katy - June 28, 2019 at 07:13 AM



I am so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort to all of the family.

Cindy Schultz-Pierce - June 25, 2019 at 08:39 PM



Such a lovely and loving woman, wise and full of joy. Our hearts are broken in this loss. I will miss her so much and our Wednesday Book Reading Group will never be the same without her. Neil and Sue Harrison

sue harrison - June 25, 2019 at 04:14 PM



Thoughts and prayers to the family for the loss of your mother and grandma "Nana". During these difficult times, please know that many hearts are with you and praying for comfort and strength.

I worked with Carol at R.J.Wallis school and have fond memories of working with her. She brought smiles and laughter to the people that she worked with. She really loved working with children and had such a gentle caring heart.

She will be missed by many.

Lorri Brown - June 25, 2019 at 10:47 AM



Such a sweet lady and a wonderful family. Carol will surely be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson - June 22, 2019 at 09:34 AM



So sorry to hear. My thoughts are with you all. I have many memories from my growing years.

Peter Schmidt - June 20, 2019 at 04:29 PM



Carol will live on through the volumes of memories that all who loved her or simply met her carry in their hearts. I only met her once and was graciously accepted by her and Bill into their home for a family dinner. The highest compliment a southerner like myself could offer is to say she was the epitome of the quintessential "southern" lady. It was indeed my pleasure to have spent a short, yet memorable time with her. My prayers and warm thoughts are with you all. May God wrap His arms around you all and give you the peace and comfort only He can provide.

Linda Robbins Akers - June 20, 2019 at 09:00 AM



Shauna & family. Sorry about the loss of your Mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers



66 Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Anne Wallis.



June 19, 2019 at 11:39 AM



Such a wonderful family, when first moved up here from Saginaw and were headed home for the holidays with our 3week old baby our vehicle broke down and they stopped to help us out and I will never forget that day... Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Karen Blenkhorn - June 18, 2019 at 05:53 PM



I met Carol before Bill did.We worked at the Cedar Inn in the late 50's.She was a good friend.Prayers for her family.Carol and Bill were so proud of their family.

Justine Phillips - June 18, 2019 at 08:29 PM



66 My most sincere sympathy is extended to Carol's family. She will be missed, and not forgotten.

Joyce Henderson - June 18, 2019 at 10:43 AM



Carol was a wonderful teacher. She was well respected by staff parents and students.

Nancy Beekompas - June 17, 2019 at 07:32 PM