



Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless

April 16, 1930 - June 7, 2022

Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless, age 92, of Elizabethton, Tennessee passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Ivy Hall Nursing Home in Elizabethton. Carolyn was born in Elizabethton on April 16, 1930 to the late Earl Lee and Pauline (Ferguson) Burrell. In addition to her parents, Carolyn was also preceded in death by her husband, Paul Herman Pless; and her daughter, Marilyn (Pless) Barker.

Carolyn graduated from Elizabethton High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from East Tennessee State University. Carolyn was employed through the Elizabethton City School System and retired from Harold McCormick Elementary School after 30 years of service. She was a member of First Christian Church of Elizabethton and loved gardening, reading, and keeping her house "guest ready". Carolyn enjoyed sharing her early morning coffee on the patio with her husband and fellowship with her friends and family.

Those left to cherish Carolyn's memory include her daughter and son-in-law, Susan Pless Hodge and Kevin of Centennial, Colorado; two special granddaughters, Madeline Rose Baumstark and husband Nathaniel of Rancho Santa Margarita, California and Andrea Faye Hodge of Centennial, Colorado; and a son-in-law, Richard Barker of Elizabethton. Also surviving is her best friend, Lilo Duncan of Elizabethton.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022 in the Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Home of Elizabethton prior to the graveside service.

A celebration graveside service for Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless will be conducted at 2:30 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022 at Happy Valley Memorial Park with Dr. David Mills and Mr. Richard Culver sharing thoughts and memories. Music will be under the direction of Mr. Scott Reynolds. Active pallbearers will be Eddie Pless, Joe Alexander, Leonard Febuary, Jack Carrier, Jordan Bishop, Luke Isbanioly and Wayne Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Sparks, Bo Pless, Gene Nix, Fred Burrell, Eddie Evans and the Elizabethton High School Class of 1948.

The family requests that those attending please wear something red in either your attire or accessories in remembrance of Carolyn.

Words of comfort can be sent to the family through our website, www.tetrickfuneralhome.com. Tetrick Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel, 211 North Riverside, Elizabethton, TN 37643 (423) 542-2232 is honored to serve the family of Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless.

Cemetery Details

Happy Valley Memorial Park

2708 Elizabethton Hwy.
Johnson City, TN 37601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Tetrick Funeral Home
211 North Riverside Drive
Elizabethton, TN 37643

Committal Service & Interment

JUN **10**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Happy Valley Memorial Park
2708 Elizabethton Highway
Johnson City, TN 37601

Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Hugh F Buckles lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless*



Hugh F Buckles - June 14 at 02:27 PM

BM

“ *Her first teaching position was first grade at East Side School in 1952. I was in that first grade class and fell in love with Miss Burrell! I would commit just enough misbehavior (usually laughing too much(!) with my friends Johnny Fetzer and Richard "Jarfly" Dugger) so that I had to sit at the desk next to the teacher's desk just so I could be near Miss Burrell. It was considered "punishment," but I loved the pretty, dark-haired Carolyn Rose Burrell. And she also had nice perfume! She got me on a path of loving school and learning new things. She was a wonderful person.*

Bill Myers - June 11 at 11:17 AM

MK

“ *Carolyn was always kind to me and asked about my family and loved to pray with me. I will miss her.*

Minister

Michael Klaus

First Christian Church

Elizabethton TN

Michael Klaus - June 10 at 09:09 AM

BC

“ *I loved 5th grade at Lynn Avenue thanks to this amazing teacher. So kind but yet expected all of us to behave and learn everything that we were capable of learning. So Thankful we got to visit with her at Sycamore Springs several times during the past few years. She always had a beautiful smile. We will miss sharing time with her but know she has joined her family who has gone on before her. Hugs and prayers for her family.*

Becky Culver - June 10 at 07:43 AM

KS

“ *Kim Mills Saylor lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Rose (Burrell) Pless*



Kim Mills Saylor - June 09 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ *Mrs. Pless was my favorite teacher. She was always smiling. She was a beautiful lady with a kind heart.*

Jerrie Sue Bowers - June 09 at 12:12 PM

CP

“ *Although I didn't know her well, Rex Parris would share memories of being a student in her classroom. She became his favorite teacher. My condolences to the family, especially Susan and Richard, as well as her many friends.*

Cathy Counts Parris - June 08 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ *Was a honor to care for her and get to know this beautiful woman ,as a cna ,her heart was a heart of Gold ,always had a smile that could light up the world ...will miss u sweet lady heaven gained a beautiful angel indeed , sincerely your Sycamore Springs caregiver Jackie*



Jackie - June 07 at 10:55 PM

TC

“ *Ms. Pless was a wonderful person, great teacher and a true lady. Love and prayers to the family.*



Terry Cole - June 07 at 07:23 PM

WW

“ What time I got to spend and take care of Carolyn was such a blessing and she was such a amazing person I will always remember our talks and her teaching me how to play rummy and would always say when I would win that she should've never taught me to play and then she would just laugh I love you always my sweet friend

Windy Williams - June 07 at 06:57 PM

CD

“ Susan and family, I am so very sorry to hear about your mom. You may not remember me, but I grew up on Bryant Ave and graduated with Marilyn. I talked to your mom...I'm trying to remember where and when. But it doesn't seem to be that long ago. Such a sweet smile she had Keeping you all close in our hearts and prayers

Carol Lacy DuBose

Carol Lacy DuBose - June 07 at 06:24 PM

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