



Carolyn Phillips

September 19, 1947 - May 17, 2013

Carolyn Phillips, who recently moved with her husband Ron to Albany to be near her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren peacefully passed away at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center on May 17th.

Carolyn was born in Tiffin, Ohio on September 19th, 1947 to Earl Ralph and Frances Myrtle (Childs) Barnes. She was raised for much of her younger years in Elberton, Georgia with her aunt Linda by her loving grandmother, Orelia Childs. She later returned to Ohio and in addition to her father was raised by her loving step mother, Thelma (Slater) Barnes. She lived in Fremont, Ohio, and graduated from Ross High School. She then attended Ohio State University, then Maumee Valley School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from Grant Hospital School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. She met her husband, Ronald Phillips at Maumee Valley Nursing School. Their first date was the movie Dr. Zhivago which they both remembered fondly. They were engaged on St. Patrick's Day and were married on November 4th, 1967. She later worked in Philadelphia while Ron was trained as a nurse anesthetist and they returned to Fremont again in 1970. In 1978, Carolyn contracted a particularly aggressive form of Hodgkin's lymphoma that was treated with splenectomy and widespread radiation. It is thought that the radiation later contributed to her illnesses as she grew older, but we are thankful for the 35 additional years the treatment allowed.

She worked as an ICU nurse for approximately 20 years and obtained her CCRN certification in 1986. In the early 1990's she became more involved in

management and administration and eventually became a hospital risk manager and received intensive paralegal training. Ron and Carol moved from Fremont, Ohio to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, then McAllen, Texas, and eventually Houston, Texas. She retired as a result of her illnesses in 2007 as the risk manager at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston. Throughout her years, she has enjoyed fishing, boating wherever she lived. Carol loved all the cats and dogs she had through the years. She has been active in the Lutheran Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Phillips of Albany; her sister Elaine Natrop of Columbus, Ohio; her half-brother George Barrett of Rutledge, Georgia; her son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Anne Phillips of Corvallis; her grandchildren Ryan and Reid of Corvallis; Georgia relatives include: Aunts Jo (Johnny) Payne, Joyce (Gaines) Jones, and Linda (Jerry) Madden; Uncles Roger (Gloria) Childs and Sidney (Betty) Childs. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, and step-mother. Ohio relatives include: aunt Cletabelle Barnes , cousins Don Barrett, Connie Hahn, Sandy Lantz, and Karen Martin. A memorial at McHenry Funeral Home is scheduled for 3:00 pm, Wednesday, May 22nd. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Phillips



McHenry Funeral Home - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Sweet person. I was unaware of her expiration. It was somewhat coming soon years ago. Hi Betty. Peace and best.

Rod Kneblík - January 23, 2021 at 09:43 PM

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“ Betty Davis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Phillips



Betty Davis - January 09, 2019 at 11:54 PM

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I miss you so much 😭❤️
I will NEVER FORGET YOU

Betty Davis - January 09, 2019 at 11:56 PM

JM

“ We have such fond memories of Carolyn during holidays, trips and sharing grandsons.

She was a sweet and loving woman and will be missed.

Love

Jim and Pat McLaughlin

Jim Pat McLaughlin - May 22, 2013 at 12:36 PM