



Carole Jeanne Didier Bowman

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Carole Jeanne Bowman, 92, of Frontenac, Kansas, lost her battle to cancer on January 14, 2024.

She was born in Frontenac, Kansas, in 1931 to Florence Gay and John Adrian Didier, the fifth of six children.

Carole attended Frontenac High School, and went on to receive a bachelor of science in education at the Kansas State Teacher's College (now Pittsburg State University,) in 1953. She completed a master's degree at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, before entering a life of teaching speech, English, and theater arts throughout her life in Hamilton, Kansas; New York City; Hackensack, New Jersey; Waltham, Massachusetts; and Raytown, Missouri. In addition to teaching, she also directed plays and musicals and coached debate teams.

Besides her career in teaching, Carole was also interested in acting and directing.

After her first job teaching in Hamilton, she went to the Pasadena Playhouse in California to study. Once she completed theater training, she acted in summer stock at the Priscilla Beach Summer Theater in Massachusetts, then settled in New York City to pursue her dream of a theatrical career. In New York City, Carole sang in six Gilbert and Sullivan roles, and acted in and directed four plays at the Provincetown Playhouse in Greenwich Village. During this time, Carole and her Frontenac classmate and friend Gus Dean (G.D.) Dittman sang together at the Playhouse and on the cruise ship 'Queen of Bermuda,' traveling to Bermuda, Nassau and other locations.

During her stay in New York City, Carole met and married television and commercial copywriter Bruce Bowman. The couple had one son, Jim Bowman, who himself pursued a career in teaching speech and communication at the university level. After retiring from teaching in the late 1990's, Carole and Bruce moved to



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Frontenac. There, Carole was active at the Frontenac United Methodist Church, acting at times as president of the church's women's organization, and on the board of the Frontenac Cemetery, the Pittsburg Public Library, and a member of the Treble Clef Club. She loved to sing in community events, play cards, and travel.

Carole was preceded in death by her husband Bruce in 2009, both of her parents, and all five of her siblings - most recently, her oldest sister Carmen, in 2022, and her younger brother Jimmy in 2014. She is survived by her son, Jim, her sister-in-law Carolyn Didier, and the Didier family including Carla, John and Brandon and their families, as well as the Davis family, which includes Mark, Babette, Mary Ellen and Vicki and their families. She is also survived by cousins Bert and Linda VanLuyck and their daughter DeeAnn.

Carole's motto in life was 'Be Cheerful'. She brought a smile to everyone she met, be they relative, friend or complete stranger, and adored hearing and telling stories. She loved watching football and basketball games, always supporting her beloved KU basketball and Kansas City Chiefs teams with hoots and hollers. She'd become quite an avid pinochle and canasta player in her later years and enjoyed the company of her card playing friends.

As poet and author Linda Ellis said in "The Dash" - "...first came the date of birth, and the following date (comes) with tears, but ... what mattered most of all was the dash between those years." Carole Bowman's 'dash' was incredibly full and vibrant. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. Donations may be made to Gentiva Hospice of Pittsburg, Kansas in her memory; these may be left at the funeral home or service.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Frontenac United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 20, at 11 a.m. Family will receive friends at the church from, 10a.m. until service time. Burial will follow the services at the Frontenac City Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.friskelfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Friskel Funeral Home Frontenac, KS.





Events

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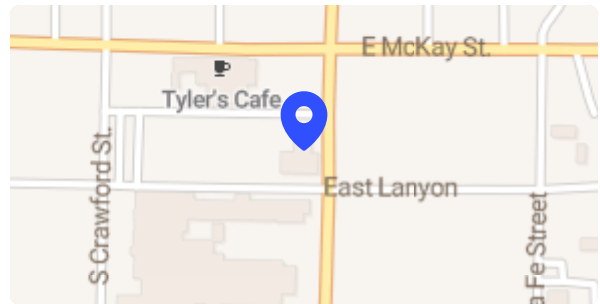
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Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, January 20, 2024

 11:00 AM CT

 **Frontenac United Methodist Church**
102 S. Cayuga St., Frontenac KS 66763

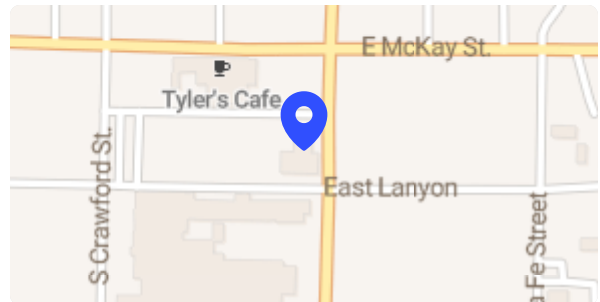


Family and Friends

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Connie Davis posted:

I remember Aunt Carol Jeanne as a wonderful listener. She was genuinely interested in what our family was doing throughout the years. I loved to be around her because she was always so cheerful and interesting. She had a beautiful laugh. I loved her and will miss her.

January 20 at 9:17 AM



Mark Davis posted:

My Aunt Carole was one of the kindest and gentlest people on earth. My favorite memory is visiting her in New York City. She took me to Coney Island and I rode the Wild Mouse roller coaster that went out over the Atlantic Ocean. She always told me the story of taking me back to Kansas in an airplane when I was a baby. She didn't know how to change a diaper and the man sitting next to her volunteered to change it. We always had the biggest laugh about that. I'll miss her. —Mark Davis

January 20 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Didier Bowman family.



January 17 at 4:20 PM



Joel And Carrie Long planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carole.



January 17 at 4:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Didier Bowman family.



January 17 at 4:12 PM



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BD

Babette Davis posted:

There's not enough room here to share all the love memories I have of my Aunt. 69.5 years she has been in my life. So, here is just one memory. I was 16 years old and my mother and aunt worked out is that myself into sisters would visit her in Boston. It was probably one of the best summers we spent since my dad was so sick when we were little she took us on a driving tour all over New England. I specially liked that. We got to Nantucket Island and we're allowed to rent bikes and ride all day and just go where we wanted to go. She introduced me to a different way because that summer I must've devoured at least three novels hard to do since my mother was such an advert reader, but most of all she took us to see the play Hair. They were naked bodies ha ha. Her only comment was don't sit on the toilets in the public bathrooms so that's my aunt.

January 17 at 10:31 AM

DB

Donna Bogner lit a candle in honor of Carole.

Condolences to her family. She was a joy to be around not only as a musician but as a friend. Sing to us from above now. She will be greatly missed.

January 17 at 5:54 AM



BV

Bert Vanluyck posted:

Carole was like an older sister and a positive influence in my life. Both of us loved to talk and our visits, be they in person or on the phone, lasted for hours. We reminisced about our colorful ancestors, the state of education, her double pinochle, and good things to eat. She introduced eggplant parmigiana to me and it became my favorite Italian dish. Friends and family were important to us and we were blessed by them. Carole expressed both amazement and gratitude for her many experiences throughout her life. That I was blessed to be a part of her life is a treasure that brings a smile and a memory that will forever remain in my heart.

January 16 at 2:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carole by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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