



Carolyn Frances Swank

June 29, 1949 - May 1, 2020

During her long and joyous life Carolyn Frances Swank was a proponent of intellectual thought, tireless in physical activity, a seeker of spiritual connections and enthusiastically engaged in community service. She found great pleasure in bike riding, swimming, running, hiking and reading. Carolyn enjoyed traveling and reveled in “beach trips” to the North and South Carolina Coasts.

She passed away peacefully at her home on May 1, 2020. Her life is continuously celebrated by family and friends who will miss her deeply.

Carolyn was born on June 29, 1949 in Chillicothe, Ohio. She was the eldest daughter of Elwood Cook and Eleanor Cook of Chillicothe, Ohio. She graduated with honors in May of 1967 from Chillicothe High School then attended Ohio University in Athens from where she graduated Cum Laude in May of 1971.

Carolyn married Robert Swank of Chillicothe, OH on May 23, 1970 and they followed his job to Jackson, Ohio in 1972. She began her teaching career in the Jackson County school systems in 1973 and accepted a position in the Wellston City Schools in 1979. She retired after 30 total years of service in 2008.

As a teacher, Carolyn took great pride in educating young minds and challenging students to excel at critical thinking and problem solving. Her own education continued throughout her days yielded credentials including teaching certifications in Elementary Education, Learning disabilities and behavior disorders, Physical Education, Health & Recreation, Biological Science, Computers, Talented and Gifted, and a supervisory Talented/Gifted certification. She earned a Master of Science in Administration from the University of Dayton in 1987 and was named to the Ohio Gifted Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as an educator.

Along with being a devoted Mother who attended all manner of after school functions, Carolyn was a certified volunteer fire-person with the Liberty Township fire department, the Jackson youth summer soccer program and the Jackson High school band boosters. She was an active member and leader at Faith Lutheran Church in Jackson, Ohio serving as Council President for many years and representing her local church at the Southern Ohio Synod council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Robert; mother Eleanor Cook; siblings Deborah Graham, Michael Cook, Linda Cook and Christopher Cook and children Robin, Adam and Kevin Swank. She is further survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Per her wishes Carolyn has been cremated and her ashes scattered by her family on her property outside of Jackson, Ohio. Her Celebration of Life Service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Jackson, OH as soon as it can be safely scheduled. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Faith Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home and Southern Ohio Cremation Services in Jackson.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BS

“ When I was a reporter for *The Telegram*, I had the privilege of covering Carol's Talented and Gifted classes tucked into a tiny classroom at the rear of the gym at Coalton. It was a room bursting with energy and great ideas and inspiration and exploration. She used her considerable educational talents to illuminate a bright path to the future for each child. I salute her vast accomplishments and send my condolences to Bob and the family.

Barbara Summers - May 05, 2020 at 07:45 AM

KT

“ So sorry for your loss Robin, Adam, Kevin and Mr. Swank. Enjoyed her so during bible school every summer and many other community functions. Such a wonderful woman. Peace be with you all.

Kristin Taylor-Butts - May 05, 2020 at 02:39 AM

KM

“ She was a great teacher but an even better person who had a passion for bringing out the best in everyone. She touch many lives and those of who she touched will always cherish it. May the lord be with her family in this trying time.

Kevin Manring - May 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM

LC

She was a great person and teacher, she definitely knew how to get the best out of all her students including my son (Bryan Cassill) . Plus me being a bus driver I had the privilege of transporting some of their outings. Enjoyed ! She will be much missed by all.

Lori Cassill - May 06, 2020 at 12:51 PM

PC

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you, Bob, and your children. May God's love and peace surround each of you at this difficult time. Carol, was a wonderful person and we will miss her dearly in our church family.

Pauletta Cheatwood - May 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PC

“ Pauletta Cheatwood lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Frances Swank



Pauletta Cheatwood - May 04, 2020 at 07:22 PM

BJ

“ Out thoughts and prayers to Bob and the whole family in these days. She was a fine person. It was very good to get to know her and see her work in the church.

Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson - May 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

AC

“ Carol was such a sweet friend to me. When we came to Faith Lutheran Church she and Bob immediately made us feel welcome and Carol and I made an immediate connection and friendship. She was supportive and caring and a true friend to me and my family. Our church lost a fierce leader and a tireless servant of the Lord. I will miss you and the church won't be the same without you. My condolences to Bob and the kids as well as the rest of the family. Rest In Peace my friend.



Angie Compston - May 04, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ Bob and family, I am deeply saddened by the loss of your wife and Mother. Carol and I spent happy times together at Century Club. She was such a asset to our community . Carol was loved and respected by so many.

Joan Shasteen - May 04, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DR

“ Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss. Our most sincere condolences. Hugs, Omar & Doris Roberts

Doris Roberts - May 04, 2020 at 11:09 AM