



Carolyn Jo McKee

June 24, 1949 - October 31, 2017

Pacolet: Carolyn Jo McKee, 68, passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. A native of Louisville, KY, she was the wife of 32 years to Michael McKee and the daughter of the late William Bryant and Elizabeth Humphrey Bryant.

Carolyn had the deepest love for her family and she leaves behind with cherished memories: three sons, Harry "Toby" Cowart Jr. and his wife, Trisha; William Cowart and his wife, Geraldine; James Hulme; a daughter, Retha Cox and her husband, Chris; and twelve grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Linda Bryant.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merry Christmas Mom. Things will never be the same. I just don't want to do this without you.* ”

Retha Cox - December 26, 2017 at 05:38 AM



“ *I miss you so much Mom.* ”



Retha Cox - December 15, 2017 at 03:42 PM

TO

“ *Miss you* ”

toby - December 01, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MM

“ *For family members unable to previously attend, I will be hosting a memorial at my home on December 7. Please contact me, Michael, for details.* ”

Michael McKee - November 09, 2017 at 02:26 PM

 Retha
Cox

“ *My Mom taught me how to be a good and strong person. She taught me everything. She's the reason I am who I am today. And I like me, so I'm really grateful. I miss her. So much. It does come in waves, i just never know when it's coming. Just keep looking through photos and memorabelia. It helps to see all the love we've shared. I love you Mom...thank you for loving me so much.*

Retha Cox - November 07, 2017 at 03:40 PM

CA

“ *I did not see my Aunt Joe often but when I did I was always met with a smile a hug and her shining eyes. Always acceptance and love. So sorry for the loss of a great woman. Prayers and thoughts for you all.*

My mother Donnie says. She loves her sister and will always have her in her heart. Will always remember her smile. She sends love to the family and is so sorry for your loss.

Carrie - November 04, 2017 at 12:04 PM

TO

“ You can shed tears that she is gone, or smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and hope that she will come back, or open them and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you cannot see her, or it can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn you back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that she is gone, or cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or do what Mom would have wanted: smile, open you eyes, love and go on.

Toby - November 03, 2017 at 11:56 AM

TO

“*“Officer, that lady best me with a toilet plunger!” Is what I should have said, but how embarrassing. Here's how it went down. I must have 14 or 15, I was minding my own business, standing outside with my brother Bill, waiting for the church bus, yes the CHURCH bus. He must have been bothering me, so I naturally was bothering him back. Mom said stop a couple of times, I did not. Next thing I know she's pulling me into the house by my long golden locks, Yes, I had long hair. Mom yelling at me, and I'm smiling down at her. I must have responded to a question on an inappropriate manner, because she slapped me. Now I was bigger than Mom at this time, by a long shot. But when I smiled and said "that didn't hurt" Oh s@#t, her eyes got big and she started frantically looking around. Hues what she saw, a toilet plunger, which she proceeded to smack me with a few times. No don't get the wrong idea here, she did not hurt me, but the mere fact that she got mad enough to grab a plunger was scary. Today, that would be child abuse, back then, it was lesson learned, no matter how big you are, Mom will even the odds. As we both got older, that incident became a joke for us and we tell the story and laugh, if I give her a smart remark she'd tell me she was gonna go get the plunger. At least it was clean...i think.*”

Toby - November 03, 2017 at 12:56 AM

TO

“*“My mother was a giving and sharing kind of person. She'd do almost anything for her family. I remember when Mom and Mike came to see Tricia, myself and the kids in Fulton NY. Of course, we had to go to the turning stone casino, and Mom won 1200 or 1800 on nickel slots. She promptly cashed out and handed Tricia and I \$100 each, which we reinvested in our native American brother's establishment. If she won, we won. Now I understand just what a winner I really am, thanks Mom.*”

Toby - November 03, 2017 at 12:26 AM

TO

“ I'm sorry Mom. I took time for granted. I thought we'd have so much more time to spend together once I moved closer. I had been far away for so long. I hoped that my daughter's would get to know the person who raised their dad, even better.....
I took time for granted, I regret it.

Toby - November 02, 2017 at 11:08 PM

SF

“ I love you aunt joe. You was such a great person and will truly be missed. You and my mom were best friends who spoke nearly everyday. I wish I could of seen you but god wanted you to come home. Until we meet again



Sunshine Flowers - November 02, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jo McKee.



November 02, 2017 at 07:00 PM

MM

“ I have lost my only friend in life. My Wife, my Love and truly a part of my sole has been ripped away. I write that just to let the world know how special and unique she really is.

Throughout the short time I was blessed to have her present in my life (she is still with me) I came to know the most selfless, loving, pragmatic, woman in existence. She always took joy in the simple things in life. She was definitely not a fancy person and never put on airs. She always said I am just a plain person. If you can't take me for myself then I don't need you around.

She possessed a level of dedication to me and us that I will never see again in my life and that many could use as example for themselves. She travelled to Japan with me for 3 years although she never wanted to leave the country.

We moved every 3 to 7 years during our time together. Every time it was a new adventure and chapter in our lives. The last 2 were the hardest. But the last home was the one she liked the most. Quiet, in the country and kind of on a hill overlooking a valley. She always loved the mountains.

Every place we lived she tried to attract hummingbirds. Most times none showed up. On occasion there would be a few. But when we moved here and they showed up, they showed up in droves. She was so happy and her eyes just sparkled.

I only hope I was able to make you happy Sweetheart. I Love You so very much and I will Love You Forever.

You owe me at least another 30 years and I intend to collect. We have been together in other lives and we will be together again. You just have to wait for me this time.

Michael McKee - November 02, 2017 at 09:19 AM



I love you Dad

Retha Cox - November 02, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *I will miss you dearly sister, friend may your blue eyes twinkle the brightest in heaven as I look up I will know your the brightest shining from above I love you forever and ever and ever*



tony k nutgrass - November 01, 2017 at 10:57 PM



Retha Cox - November 02, 2017 at 04:40 PM



I love you mom

Sunshine Flowers - November 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *Kathleen Jessie-Nevarez lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jo McKee*



Kathleen Jessie-Nevarez - November 01, 2017 at 10:33 PM

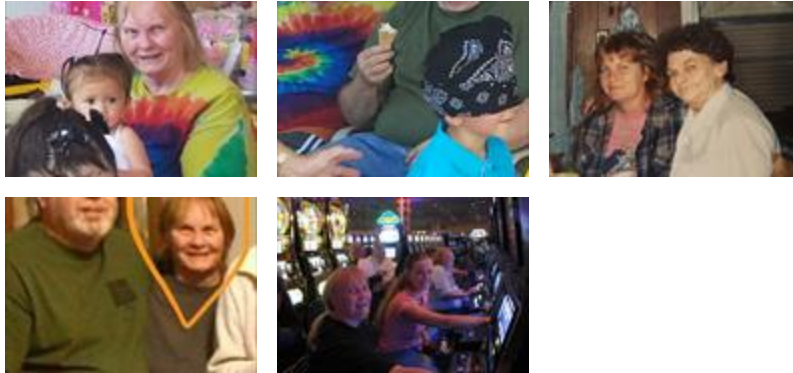


Thank you Kathy

Retha Cox - November 02, 2017 at 04:40 PM

Retha
Cox

“ I Love You Mom. Too many tears to see what I'm writing.....



Retha Cox - November 01, 2017 at 10:25 PM

Chris
Cox

“ I have known Mom for 26 years now. She didn't always approve of me, but was always kind. Her most valuable treasure was her family. She loved her children with all of her heart. She was greatfull for anything you would do for her. Her greatest love was her husband Mike. He made her truly happy. The world is losing a wonderful person. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Chris Cox - November 01, 2017 at 10:11 PM

LP

“ Joe said to say He was Sorry to hear about Jo. He said He has not seen Her in year's but She still looked like Jo. I don't remember but did I ever meet Her and when you came to visit us when we moved in the trailer was that Her that came with you or someone else. But just know we Both are thinking of you and your loss.

Linda & Joe Pennington - November 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

WC

“ *My mom never gave up on anything, especially her children. Although my children are young they absolutely loved their Lola. Thru my wife, family and me they will know just how much my mom loves us all as she will always be with us. We love you Mom.*

William J. Cowart - November 01, 2017 at 08:11 PM

DW

“ *Donna Winn lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jo McKee*



Donna winn - November 01, 2017 at 05:37 PM

DW

“ *Jo was a very great friend to me.... I was so glad that we meet.. I still remember how we meet in Japan.. had a great time.. then our husband's went to Chicago still a great friend... She had a very good heart.,. I love you jo...*

Donna winn - November 01, 2017 at 05:36 PM



Thank you Donna

Retha Cox - November 02, 2017 at 04:41 PM

TC

“ *For my mother, I continue to have what most kids these days so not, respect. I still would not say a cuss word in front of her. I miss her already.*

toby cowart - November 01, 2017 at 05:24 PM

TC

“ As a kid, I didn't have much, none of us kids really did. We were not "well off" by any stretch of that term, we knew so and it didn't bother us much. We had what we needed, we had our mother who would make her own sacrifices to ensure this. Sometimes, she was the only real thing that we could count on. No matter how many twists and turns our lives took, no matter what got thrown at us, good or bad; Mom was always there to offer help, advice, or even a smack in the head when needed. As all of her children got older, we followed our own paths that lead us into new families and in some cases, far away. We all kept in touch through Mom. I might not have spoken with my siblings in months, or be thousands of miles away, however, one call to Mom and I knew what everyone was doing. She was very proud of her children, in spite of our various deficits, and she was proud of her grandchildren, even if she could not keep the birthdays straight. I know she would have been so happy that all of her children were by her side in one room. I am the oldest child of Carolyn Jo McKee, I've seen her laugh, cry, get angry and feel real loss. I have watched my mother experience both defeat and triumph and remain humble through both. I was 18 and away in the Army when she and Micheal McKee married. Thank you Mike, my mother has been the most happy these last 32 years.

toby cowart - November 01, 2017 at 05:22 PM

SF



Sunshine Flowers - November 02, 2017 at 07:32 PM

MA

“ I met Jo when she and Mike also lived in New Bern. She was so funny and outgoing. We enjoyed going to the Mexican restaurant and talking about anything and nothing. I have lost a friend and the Earth has lost a good person but Heaven has gotten a true treasure

Martha - November 01, 2017 at 04:46 PM

TC

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



toby cowart - November 01, 2017 at 04:10 PM