



## Carolyn Sue Florence

July 31, 1942 - May 21, 2021

On May 21, 2021, Carolyn Sue Florence was called home to her heavenly Father at age 78. She was born on July 31, 1942 to Lester and Lorene Hornsby in Quinlan, Texas. She grew up in Fate, Texas and graduated from Rockwall High School in 1960 where she was head cheerleader and a member of the basketball team. She married her high school sweetheart, Mickey Florence. They settled in their hometown of Rockwall where they raised their four children. Carolyn was employed with Rockwall ISD in various roles, but also owned a successful uniform business. She was passionate about decorating and gardening. She especially loved Fate and "Old Rockwall," often sharing precious memories of life in small town Texas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall where she enjoyed volunteering with the church choir, bazaar, and office.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her four children: Andy Florence of Littleton, Colorado; Joey Florence and wife DeeDee of Denton, Texas; Amy Rakow and husband David of Rockwall, Texas; and Amanda Pacheco and husband Ruben of Rockwall, Texas; one sister: Doris Willess; seven grandchildren: Brynne and Connor Florence, Hannah and Haley Florence, Reid and Will Rakow, and Sophia Pacheco; one great-grandchild: Kylan.

She will be remembered with joy and simultaneously missed with deep affection. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Helping Hands of Rockwall or the Society of St. Stephen at FUMC Rockwall.

# Comments

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“ Carolyn was one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew. I will miss her, I knew her living here in Fate. Her father and mine were best friends, keeping her family in my prayers.

**Helen Moran** - May 27, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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“ Joe White and Stimson Streets formed Coaches Row in the '70's the Florences, Martins, Everets, Shannons, plus the Utleys, Howlets, Whittington and I'm sure I'm leaving some out. Carolyn was the ultimate neighborhood mom and coach's wife, teaching me forbearance and patience, and laughter in every situation. She and her good buddy Billie Stevenson have been my role models for fifty years. I love Carolyn's children and pray they feel enveloped in God's love. She's with Mickey now and all is well.

**Sharon Shannon** - May 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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“ Carolyn was a joy to be around. She had a fun personality and was always encouraging others. She was a loyal friend and had a light-hearted personality. We grew up together and went through school together. She worked for us some at the real estate office until she got on at the school. She will be missed so much by so many people. A true friend for sure!!

Judy and Richard Harris

**Judy Harris** - May 24, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ Andy, Amy, Joey and Amanda,  
I will miss my dear friend. Some of my best times were spent working on Tis The Season at FUMC Rockwall with her. As we chaired the bazaar one year and worked on the vision, she taught me our motto..." People Plan, God Laughs". I love her and will miss our conversations. Love to all of you, her family.

Sandy Durham

**Sandy Durham** - May 25, 2021 at 10:54 AM

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“ Thank you for your words of wisdom and guidance through our many years in Rockwall ISD. Your wonderful humor brightened our days. My love for you, and your parents, extended to your children. I am so thankful for having them in my life as former students and friends. May God bless your family. I love you, Carolyn.



**Joy Bounds** - May 24, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was a sweet and well-loved lady. She will be missed. May God welcome her and give comfort to all her family and friends.

**Mark George** - May 24, 2021 at 07:41 AM

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“ What a great loss of a beautiful, sweet, caring person. We lived down the street from the Hornsby's in Fate for a few years. I remember crawfishing with Carolyn after a big rain. Condolences to the family.

**Rachel Howell** - May 23, 2021 at 03:07 PM

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“ We will miss Carolyn so! Her sweet spirit, her charm, her graciousness, her quick wit, her incredible ability to make something out of nothing and generously gift it to someone who needs it, her love for her family, friends, and community - she will be sorely missed! Praying for comfort for you all as you remember and celebrate Carolyn's life and legacy, The Stevensons

**The Stevensons** - May 23, 2021 at 12:22 PM