



Carole Furgess

January 29, 1937 - May 26, 2020

Carole Furgess beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2020, in Murrells Inlet, SC, where she has spent the last 20 years in retirement with her loving husband of 39 years, Bertram Furgess.

Born in Yonkers, NY, on January 29, 1937, to the late Howard and Mary Ellen (McGovern) Calkins, Carole attended Marymount Junior College in Virginia and then worked at The New York Times, until starting a family with then-husband Dolph LeMoult. Raising her five children in Monsey, NY, and then in Westport, CT, was not only one of her greatest achievements, but it is what brought her the most joy. Despite having a large family, Carole always made time for everyone, offering an abundance of love, support, and encouragement. Carole also worked as an administrator at New Canaan Country Club, a job she loved, for 26 years, and at which she made life-long friendships. She and Bert lived in Fairfield for over 20 years, enjoying many summer days at the beach, sleepovers with the grandkids, and holidays surrounded by family, until they retired south.

A Friend of Bill W for 44 years, Carole's indomitable spirit allowed her to help many people, and she would always lend an ear, or offer words of her great wisdom and encouragement to those that needed it, sometimes whether they asked for it or not! The strong bonds she made led to many friendships, travel, and countless lives affected just by having known her. A woman of great faith, Carole was a strong presence in her church, St Michael's in Murrells Inlet. Her

love and her light will be truly missed by her family and all who loved her. In addition to her many friends, Carole leaves behind her devoted husband Bert, and four sons: Michael (Mary), and Chris (Carole), both of Trumbull, Kevin of Murrells Inlet, and Mark (Elizabeth) of Norwalk; nine grandchildren- Michael, Meghan, Jessica, Heather, Jeremy, Shea, Kate, Scott, and Eric; five great-grandchildren- Gwendolyn, Aleesia, JJ, Cora, and Nya. She was predeceased by her only daughter, Kelly and her loving brother with whom she had a special bond, Fr. Howard Calkins.

The family would like to thank Home Instead Services and Crescent Hospice, both of Murrells Inlet, SC, with special thanks to Tommy and Mary, who were such a source of help and support to Bert and Kevin, both of whom took such loving care of Carole during her illness.

A service will be held in Murrells Inlet on June 13 at 11:00 am at Goldfinch Funeral Home, with a memorial service and burial to be held at a later date in Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Carole's memory.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ The "upstate cousins" share your loss. We so looked up to Carole - a debutante, a loving daughter and such fun to be around! I (Joni) would curl up on the bed and get a blow by blow of her dates and parties during my summers spent with Grandma Minnie Calkins at the home in Yonkers. Any time we have spent with her in recent years she was sharing photos and stories of all of you - she was so proud to be your mom and grandmother. We send our deepest condolences and know that there are hundreds of wonderful memories that will sustain you. I know our times with her and with Howard were unforgettable. It was always like visiting royalty when they would come to Port Byron. I am smiling picturing her reunion with Kelly. Your grandfather, Howard Calkins was our great-uncle, Minnie Calkins was Carol's grandmother and our great-grandmother. Love from upstate NY, Joni Lincoln (llincoln@tds.net), Suanne Hopkins, Andrea Seamans and Laraine Miller.

Joni Lincoln - June 29, 2020 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Carole is the most amazing woman I know. She has been my guiding light and pillar of strength for 30 years. I learned alot from her.*

Anyone who knew Carole, gained something from her. She is dearly loved, and missed. Big hug for her family, and all the people who are an intricate part of her life. Heaven has gained another angel now.

"God doesn't make junk" was the most impressive phrase I remember from her.

Love you Carole, to the depths of my heart. I am the person I am today, because of your love and direction.

*Stacy Murphy
Redding, CT*

Stacy Murphy - June 10, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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“ *Stacy Murphy lit a candle in memory of Carole Furgess*



Stacy Murphy - June 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ *Liesa lit a candle in memory of Carole Furgess*



Liesa - June 07, 2020 at 08:25 AM

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“ *Carole is the most amazing woman I know. A beloved mentor and friend she was there guiding and teaching by example and holding me to my own truths. She held me together when I was in pieces and assured me that this too shall pass. She loved the ocean and while floating in the water together she often would said, "Isn't this glorious." We body board together and she would look at me and give me a thumbs up. I marveled at her zest for living and her passion to serve others. The memory and legacy of her life will be carried forward by all those who she has touched. I am a profoundly changed woman because of her presence in my life.*

Liesa - June 07, 2020 at 08:24 AM