



## Barbara Ann Carper

July 31, 1931 - June 16, 2017

Barbara "Bobbie" (Caldwell) Carper, whose love for life was only surpassed by the love for her family, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 16, 2017 at the age of 85.

A lifelong resident of Craig County, Virginia, Barbara was born in New Castle, Virginia, on July 31, 1931, a daughter of the late Roxie Rowan Caldwell and Paul Jones Caldwell.

The bedrock of a close-knit family whose life was a shining example of how much influence one good woman can have in the world. For nearly 86 years, she made a positive impact and influenced everyone with her faith, her heart-warming personality, her generosity, her unbelievable fight against illnesses and her love for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, William "Jr." Carper, who died in September 1987. Barbara was also preceded in death by nine siblings; Pauline Whiting, Mildred Craft, Kathleen Caldwell, Daisy Parsell, James Caldwell, Howard Caldwell, Jean Myers, Mary Bowles, and Joyce Caldwell.

Mama is survived by her three children, who were her pride and joy in life: Jennifer McPherson and her husband, B.B., of New

Castle, Virginia, Betty Stimeling of Roanoke, Virginia, and Larry Carper of New Castle, Virginia.

Granny is survived by five grandchildren, who she cherished and adored with all her heart: April Messerly and her husband, Bryan, of Morgantown, West Virginia, Sally Stimeling of Charlottesville, Virginia, Ginnie Vaughan and her husband, Jason, of Salem, Virginia, Chad Carper and his wife, Elaina, of New Castle, Virginia, and Logan Poff and her husband, Joe, of Copper Hill, Virginia.

G.G. was considerably proud of her four great-grandchildren, who she bragged about on a daily basis: Jameson and Cale Vaughan, and Judd and Carper Messerly. She is also survived by sisters-in-law JoAnne Rock and Peggy Zeffle; as well as many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Barbara was a lifelong member of New Castle United Methodist Church. She retired from GE in 1993 with 29 years of service.

The family would like to thank all of her caregivers for their love and attention over the years. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Castle United Methodist Church, Mitchell Drive and Route 42, New Castle, VA, 24127.

A Memorial Service will be held 7:00 PM Monday, June 19, 2017 at Paitsel Funeral Home, New Castle, Virginia with Pastor Willie Guill officiating. The family will receive friends 5-7 PM Monday before the service. Arrangement by Paitsel Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Carper family. Today is a time when our thoughts turn to the special people God has brought into our lives and so we remember Bobby our hearts are warmed with love. God bless, Catherine Carper McEachren, John B. McEachren, Charles F. Carper Jr. & Patsy M. Carper

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**Carper McEachern** - June 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So thankful for the opportunity to have known this great lady who brought love and happiness to everyone she met.

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**Bethany Dalton** - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss. She is in a much better place.

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**Lillie Fisher** - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Prayers and thoughts for your family.

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**Barbara Baber** - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am so blessed to have known G.G. Such a beautiful, kind and loving woman. I liked her the moment I first met her and have always felt a tenderness toward her. She reminded me a lot of my own mother who passed away when I was 24. You could just feel the love in the air when she was in the room. Her bright and shining smile was really something to behold. I will be forever grateful that I had the great blessing of knowing her in this life and look forward to seeing her again in the next. She will always be remembered and have a place in my heart forever. I pray that her family and friends receive the peace and comfort that only God can give during this time of sadness.

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**Beverly Smith** - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Aunt Bobby was a strong woman and she absolutely loved and cared greatly for her family and friends. I will always be grateful for the times I visited with our sons, the great conversations, the laughs and always great food. I'm most confident her love will pass thru all generations. And sure she will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers to Jennifer, Betty, and Larry and all of their children and grandchildren. I loved her very much. She's with uncle Junior again, the love of her life. In that... we can all rejoice!

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**Laure Keffer** - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I never saw Bobbie that she didn't have a smile on her face. She always treated me like one of her girls. The greatest compliment she ever gave me was that I was just like my mom! I remember when our junior class voted for Bobbie and my mom to be chaperones at our prom. They looked so pretty and Betty and I were very proud that everyone loved our moms so much. God bless you during this very difficult time. With much love, Cindy Craft Green

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**Cindy Green** - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM