



Carol Lynn Owens

August 2, 1961 - December 20, 2024

Carol Lynn (Buker) Owens

Earthly beginning: August 2, 1961

Heavenly beginning: December 20, 2024

Carol Lynn lived, loved & laughed.

Carol Lynn has always been about God, family, friends, & caring for all.

Carol Lynn lives on in her husband, Dave; her children, Melissa, Noelle, Jordann, Jonathan and Joel; and their spouses, Michael, Ikaika, Sam, and Jess; and her most-cherished grandchildren, Micah, Ezekial, Everett, Grace Davey, Ellis, Grayson, Ezra, Shiloh, Levi and Madeline; as well as her mother, Vera, and brother, Bill, with sister-in-law, Kim; along with nieces, nephews, cousins; and, her sister-in-law, Debbie and brother-in-law Matt, and father-in-law, Jesse. Carol Lynn also lives on in all those she loved and cared for through her dear friendships, church ministry, and her nursing profession.

Carol's awesome talents have included her abilities to parent, grandparent, befriend, minister, nurse, manage, lead, write, administrate, persevere, encourage, counsel, create, innovate, partner, give, serve, entertain, decorate, make people laugh, and yard-sale.

She graduated from Zion Bible College in 1982 and Nursing School in 2011.

Has there ever been one more kind, loving, caring, beautiful, cute, fun, faithful, honoring, unpretentious, mischievous, witty, and spiritual, than Carol Lynn Owens? Perhaps not.

Carol's Memorial Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 29 at 1 pm, and Memorial Service at 2 pm, at Embassy Church, located at 3855 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC (where she served with her husband as pastors for 22 years). In lieu of flowers, please feel free to visit: <https://www.givesendgo.com/owens-family>

Please feel free to share expressions of your love for Carol Lynn in the section below.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Embassy Church
3855 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC

Tribute Wall

LH

“ My favorite memory with Carol was playing hide and seek at the Bukers' home in Meredith. My dad was the camp speaker that week. Many years later, David & Carol welcomed my family when we visited their church in DC. So much love!

Lee-Ann (Maves Hodgerney) Hahn - December 30, 2024 at 10:45 PM

MC

“ Thank you, Carol! for welcoming Wil & Mary Canfijn & Children to serve alongside you and Dave in DC for a season. It was truly a wonderful experience for us! You opened your heart and your home.

Mary Canfijn - December 30, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MD

“ We are heart broken to hear of the passing of dear Carol. We have such precious memories of our time together at Christ Church. Praying for the Owens family and sending all our love and strength.

Melani Drummer - December 29, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TA

“ From Nancy and Stan Schilling, God bless you in your time of loss. Rest assured that Carol is in heaven and she is no longer in pain.

Tammie - December 29, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Carol reached out in a special way to us while Allison was living in DC while we were pressing through our own hospital journey with Ethan's recovery. Thank you!

RJ Godson - December 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ To the beloved Owens and Buker families, my family weeps with yours at this time. As a nurse and strong woman of faith, God made Carol the perfect Angel to help heal those who ailed physically and spiritually. Her spirit will remain acutely alive in those who benefitted from her gentle yet powerful ministry.

Juliette Balabanian - December 29, 2024 at 12:51 AM

AO

“ To the Owens and Buker family, my deepest condolences on the translation of your daughter, mother and wife. Carol always reminded me of a Christmas Carol because of the happy lilt in her voice and song in her heart. She was a bright spot in all lives in the church.

I met Carol when she and Dave were over Campus Ministry in DC. She was always bubbling over with energy to bake cookies and casseroles for her family and anyone who stopped in.

Then, when I graduated I began attending their church, I observed such willing hands and open heart in Carol over the course of many years.

In all those years, Carol “served the Lord with gladness”!

Carol taught me how to yard sale and shop at Costco. She could spot a good bargain from a mile away! If we ever needed to run an event at the church with limited funds, Carol could and would find a way to make it plentiful and classy.

God surely has given Carol Owens a Crown of Life with many other jewels and crowns for soul wining, victory, and fighting a good fight of faith. Enjoy your just reward our dear sister in Christ.

With Love,

Alexis (Weaver) Oduloye

Alexis Oduloye - December 28, 2024 at 10:25 PM

TS

“ To David, your children, grandchildren, my aunt Vera and my cousin Bill Buker, I send my heartfelt condolences to you in your time of loss. I know Carol is sitting next to the hand of God in heaven. I have fond memories of her at Zion Bible Institute. May God bless you. Love, Tammie Schilling Steward.

Tammie Steward - December 28, 2024 at 07:41 PM

CF

“ CACG DMV Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Lynn Owens.



CACG DMV Family - December 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM

“ Dearest Dave, Vera, Melissa, Noelle,
Jordann, Jonathan, Joel & Jesse,



I can't tell you how gutted I was to hear about the passing of Carol. My heart hurts like it hasn't in a very long time. She is one of the few people I would say was a true friend. We had so many fun times together as well as times of tears and sadness. Even today as I sit across the country waiting for her memorial service to begin, I can see her sweet smile and hear her soft voice.

She was so excited to go to nursing school and become a nurse -- her dream come true! I know she was an amazing nurse and helped so many people not only physically but emotionally and spiritually as well. She had that way about her. Not to mention what an amazing wife, daughter, mother and grandmother she was. You, her family, were her life and her love - after Jesus.

I have been thinking about so many wonderful times we had together -- at the mall buying hair pieces so we could grow our hair out easier and getting nails done together, just to mention a couple.

I know how empty you feel. I feel the same way, but the wonderful thing is, we will indeed see our beloved Carol again when it is our turn to leave this earth. She isn't suffering anymore and is now bestowing on our Lord & Savior her smile, laugh and sweet countenance. I am in prayer for each one of you as you go through this unimaginable time of grief and loneliness.

My hope and prayer is that Carol will meet me at the gates when it's my turn. And oh, what a time that will be!

May the Lord bless each of you and keep you in His arms of comfort and in His cloak of compassion. Lean into Him and each other. Hold each other tight. I wish I was there to do the same.

With long distance love and hugs to each of you,

Melissa & Rod Hemphill

Melissa Hemphill - December 28, 2024 at 01:31 PM

DW

“*David & Beth Wenrich purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carol Lynn Owens.*



David & Beth Wenrich - December 28, 2024 at 01:17 PM

NA

“ Carol,

When Justine and I heard the news, we were stunned into silence. We were terribly saddened.



We have known you for 14 years, but over the past 12 years not only did you help to emotionally support us, you also helped physically heal us. You were a light in our world. You were kind, always smiling and helping those who called upon you for that extra added support. My mother and I haven't forgotten, and we never will.

Thank you for doing all that you did. I know you will continue to do so in another way.

Until we meet again, Carol. We love you. Rest In Peace.

*xoxo,
Natalie*

Natalie - December 28, 2024 at 07:24 AM

MA

“ *To Pastor Dave, the children, grand-kids, and the entire family, I am very sorry for the departure of beloved Carol. May her beautiful spirit and memories live on forever in our hearts. Pastor Dave, I could see how much you loved your Carol with the utmost true love that lives forever and not many are blessed with the love you had. May God comfort you Pastor Dave. Thank you for sharing your beautiful journey with the church members and so many friends. Jesus is embracing her and holding her in his big heart. May Jesus comfort the family and all her friends who are left with a big void. Heaven has gained an angel.*

Marie-Claire - December 27, 2024 at 11:39 PM

HE

“ Carol, I carry the beautiful gift you gave me on my last day shared. Then, I had the gift from God to have one last beautiful conversation before your earthly departure and I got to share my wedding news with you. As I said it on our last conversation, I have so much respect and admiration for you, you are the most kind human I've ever known. You cared for everyone as if they were your family. Love you so much Carol. I will carry you in my heart forever.



Heydi - December 27, 2024 at 06:58 PM

CG

“ Carol, It was truly a blessing from God to have met such an amazing and incredible woman like you. You weren't just one of the best co-workers ever, you were also family to me. Over the years we got to know each other. Some of the things I won't ever forget is how you handled everything with grace, and your unconditional support and wisdom when I needed it the most. You were a light in my life and I will always cherish the memories we had. May you rest in heavenly peace. I miss you dearly.
With love, Claudia



Claudia Gomez - December 27, 2024 at 03:41 PM

DC

“ My heart is breaking to not be there with you all. Carol is a true “soul sister” to me. I know her as beautiful, loving, strong, funny, faith-filled and just fabulous. The most striking thing to me about Carol is how unpretentious she is. She reaches out to everyone with grace and understanding. I know she is basking now in the love of Jesus, so I am using present tense. She is more Gloriously Carol than she has ever been. I am so comforted by that. Yet we are here and the world is not the same. This will take a long time, many tears. We cry, though we are separated for a time. Jesus wept. His comfort and peace to you all as you remember Carol. She is glorious even now! All my love, Carol’s sister and friend, Debbie Comrie

Debbie Comrie - December 27, 2024 at 01:10 PM

MJ

“ Matt, Deb, Jesse, Hilary & Jilly purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Carol Lynn Owens.



Matt, Deb, Jesse, Hilary & Jilly - December 27, 2024 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ The Hendren Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Lynn Owens.



The Hendren Family - December 26, 2024 at 08:58 PM

TF

“ *The Hendren Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Lynn Owens.*

The Hendren Family - December 26, 2024 at 08:58 PM

PR

“ *I remember the two of you being in love with Jesus and each other. I am grateful for your work with the youth group at NCC and taking me in from outside your church. I am sorry to hear about her passing and your loss. May God bless you in this time of mourning.*

Peter Reed - December 26, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *I met Carol Owens at Embassy Church in Washington DC while I was a foreign student pursuing my Masters Degree at Georgetown. Carol and Pastor Dave opened their home and welcomed me as part of their family. I stayed with them on occasions, ate with them, laughed with them. Carol was always so happy, joyous, optimistic, warm, encouraging and so supportive of her husband and children. She loved people from every nation and every walk of life. Carol was very hospitable and would open her home to strangers in need of help and comfort. Her path in life was not an easy one, but one she embraced with much joy and grace. To Pastor Owens and all the children and grandchildren, you had a true matriach May the love and light of Jesus Christ, whom Carol loved, shine through you and grant you all the grace, mercy, strength and love you will need to move on with your lives.*

Much love to you all ...Alana Wheeler from Trinidad and Tobago

Alana Wheeler - December 26, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ I met Carol in college at Plymouth State. She was a wonderful example to the students she welcomed into her home for conversations, meals, movie nights and sleep overs all while raising her young children. Most people would not invite college kids in to spend time with their toddlers, but she welcomed us all. She impacted my life and the lives of countless other students, even if she didn't realize it, buy her kindness and example of God's love. My heart goes out to the whole Owens family at this time of great sadness. May God hold you and comfort you all.

Susan Belair - December 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

DH

“ I remember Carol always being an encourager. See saw things in people that they did not realize and brought that greatness out of them. She shared Christ with people in such a caring way. We know she is heaven celebrating a pain free new body with the Lord and so many who have gone before her. My condolences and prayers with my brother David and the rest of the family. Godspeed Carol. ❤️🙏

David Hopkins - December 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM

TM

“ Here are a few photo showing Carol showing her support.



Tim Miller - December 26, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TM

“ Carol was a bright ray of sunshine. In my years at Plymouth she supported Dave in his ministry but was also a great support to us as we navigated our college years. Watching her parent her young kids while showing us Christ's love was an amazing example to us. I am sure she is dancing with Joy with her savior and also keeping an eye on flock.

My love and prayer to the Owen's family and all of the people she touched who are processing this news.

Tim Miller - December 26, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ Carol and Dave have raised one of my absolute favorite and most cherished friends in Jordann, and for that I am so endlessly grateful. I didn't know Carol well, but every time I was able to see her or interact with her she was always so filled with warmth and wisdom and kindness. Praying for your whole family in this unimaginable time ☐

Jennifer Sullivan - December 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

ME

Thank you Jenn

melissa - December 26, 2024 at 01:21 PM