



## Carol Joyce Sappington

March 10, 1945 - December 17, 2023

Carol Joyce (Schulz) Sappington of Annapolis, MD passed away on December 17, 2023. She was 78 years old.

She was born in Baltimore City, MD on March 10, 1945, the daughter of the late Albert August Schulz and Rose Teresa (Feiler) DiPaula.

She graduated from Catonsville Senior High School and went on to work for the US National Security Agency, Fort Meade, MD for five years. Carol then worked as an office manager for McDonald, Cassidy, and Roth psychology practice for the remainder of her career.

In 1965, Carol relocated from Arbutus, MD to the Whitehall Beach Community in Annapolis to be closer to her mother and stepfather. She then relocated to Whispering Woods in Annapolis. She was a member of Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, the Cape St. Claire Methodist Church in Cape St. Claire, Annapolis, MD and then attended Wye Bible Church, Grasonville, MD for the last 20 years.

Carol was never seen without her lipstick and accessories – she was always dressed her very best, and loved dressing for the holidays and seasons. Her favorite place was the beach where she had vacationed as a small child with her parents, grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins. Carol continued to share this love with her family and friends. She cherished her beloved home on Blossom Tree Drive in which she created her own beautiful haven. She loved her family deeply, attending her grandchildren's events to cheer them on. Carol also enjoyed cooking and entertaining for all of her loved ones. One

of Carol's favorite past times was to go out with her friends for lunch or dinner. She enjoyed collecting Brass bells, unique beautiful teapots and Antique clocks. Carol also enjoyed shopping at Estate sales, yard sales, thrift stores where she could always find that special something for her family and friends. Carol enjoyed playing the slots at the casinos and on cruise ships. Cruising was her favorite way of vacationing.

Carol met her long term companion, Franklin J. Johnson of over 30 years in Lake Gaston, NC on a blind date. Carol and Franklin enjoyed working together on home projects, antiquing, auctions, and vacationing together. Her routine was to depart work to drive and visit Franklin. He always had a cocktail in hand awaiting her arrival. They would then board his pontoon boat to watch the sunset together. Later in the years Carol surprised Franklin with a beautiful Sheltie puppy who they named Daisy May. Daisy May grew to be the love of their lives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Theresa (Feiler) DiPaula, her father, Albert August Schulz, her stepfather, Anthony "Tony" L. DiPaula and her longtime companion, Franklin J. Johnson.

She is survived by her daughters, Debra (Debby) T. (Sappington) Cramer (Joe) of Centreville, MD, and Patricia (Tricia) L. (Sappington) Hilliard (Lawrence) of Clearwater, FL; granddaughter, Amanda Rose DuClos of Rock Hall, MD; and grandsons, Noah C. Cramer and Jesse A. Cramer both of Centreville, MD; great granddaughters; Abrielle and Amelia Walters.

Carol will never die as long as those whom she loved never forget her.

Service will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 12:00 pm at Lasting Tributes Funeral Home in Annapolis, MD, where friends and family may visit one hour prior, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Queen Anne's County Animal Services <https://www.qac.org/1425/Animal-Services>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lasting Tributes by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation & Funeral Care, P.A.  
814 Bestgate Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lasting Tributes by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation & Funeral Care, P.A.  
814 Bestgate Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 17, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*

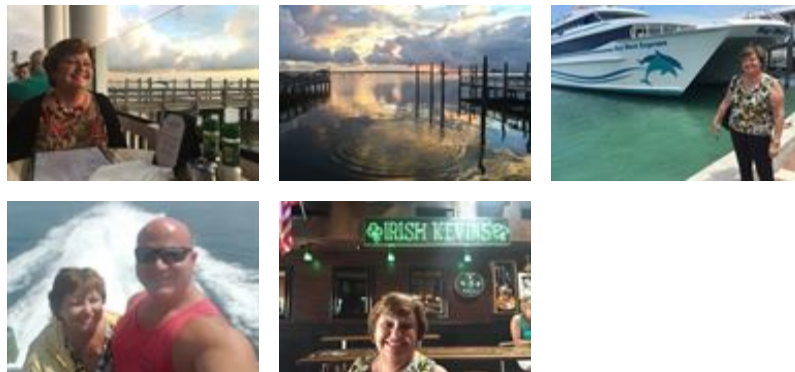


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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 16, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ 371 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 16, 2024 at 10:39 AM

HS

*Beautiful tribute to a lovely woman.*

Harold Shinitzky - January 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SB

*May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time.*

*Miss Carol was a great friend and we miss her!*

*Wishing you and the family strength and peace.*

*Sandy & Dewey*

Sandy Bennett-Ward - January 17, 2024 at 09:40 AM

KC

“ When my son married Debby not only was I graced with the world’s best daughter-in-law but my son, Joe, was graced with a mother-in-law who defied all the stereotypes .

Carol was always a joy to be around at family gatherings and our grandsons’ sporting events. Her deviled eggs were at the top of the list of the most favored menu items at these get togethers.

From time to time Carol and I would meet at a local restaurant for lunch. Conversation would always lead to shared feelings of how much joy our family brought to our lives.

I will miss you, Carol, but I bet I will still hear that wonderful laugh coming from just around the corner in the kitchen.

With so much love.

Kathy

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**Kathy Cramer** - January 15, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Sappington.



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January 15, 2024 at 12:11 PM

SF

“ Sending love & sympathy. Bayless Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Joyce Sappington.

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**Sending love & sympathy. Bayless Family** - January 15, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ *Debbie & Tricia,*  
*We are so sad to hear about your Mom's passing. She was a kind, thoughtful woman, loved by many and will be missed. May many happy memories of Carol's life with you help to console you during this time. Sending our thoughts & prayers to both of you and your family.*  
*Love,*  
*David & Jean Klappenberger*

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**Jean Klappenberger** - January 09, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Joyce Sappington.*



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January 02, 2024 at 03:26 PM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**Eastern Shore Dental Care** - December 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM

HS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. If I may do anything or offer support during this difficult time please let me know. I read the loving post by Lawrence. This was the tribute I wrote.

*I am so sorry to hear the news of Carol's passing.*

*Carol was the Office Manager at MCR where I worked for eleven years. She was the mother to all of us. She wore a smile everyday, remembered important dates in our lives, and was the first to laugh and find humor in everyday moments. She loved her family. If I may repeat, she loved her family. There were stories and pictures of the latest achievements by her daughters placed strategically at her desk.*

*I was fortunate to relocate to the same area of Florida as her daughter Patricia (Tricia). When Carol visited, the three of us frequently met for lunch at Pickles Pub deli and talked about recent events in our lives and laughed about memories from the past. At this point she was a proud mother and grandmother. She would share the latest adventures with Frank, light up with joy when discussing her daughters' loving relationships, and become gleeful when the conversation turned to her grandchildren.*

*Carol, may you be in a better place. Your impact on all of us was significant. Your example was poignant. Live to your fullest, love deeply, and laugh each day.*

*Harold Shinitzky*

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**Harold Shinitzky** - December 24, 2023 at 01:19 PM

FJ

“ *My dad and Carol were Soulmates. Whenever my family and I would visit dad while Carol was there, the food was always yummy and the desserts were always plentiful! And daisy is a wonderful dog!*



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**Frank Johnson Jr** - December 24, 2023 at 09:49 AM

AA

“ *Carol, my dear, dear beloved friend of 60 years. The miles between us have never kept us apart. Our hearts will be joined together forever.  
Deb and Tricia, your mom will always be with us. My thought, prayers and heart will be with you on the 17th.  
With deepest sympathy and much, much love,  
Aunt Arleen*

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**Arleen Allen** - December 23, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss! Words always seem so inadequate at times like this. I always enjoyed seeing Aunt Carol at holidays. She always had a smile and a great sense of humor - she always lit up the room that she was in. Her smile and happy voice at those times will be with me always.*



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**Cheryl Walter** - December 22, 2023 at 10:24 PM

MG

“ *Condolences to all of Carol's family.*



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**Mary Ellen Sappington Good** - December 22, 2023 at 05:40 PM

JS

“ *Joan Schneck lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**joan Schneck** - December 22, 2023 at 04:52 PM

TA

“ *Terrie Audisio lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**Terrie Audisio** - December 22, 2023 at 04:25 PM

LA

“ *Linda, Jay, Abrielle And Amelia lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**Linda, Jay, Abrielle and Amelia** - December 22, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ *Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Carol Joyce Sappington*



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**Carol Smith** - December 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM