



## Carolyn Asay Vance

January 27, 1938 - May 8, 2022

Carolyn Margaret Asay Vance died surrounded by loved ones on May 8, 2022, after a two-year battle with cancer.

She was born January 27, 1938, the second daughter of Ivan and Elizabeth Asay in Washington, DC. A lively child who always demonstrated a mind of her own, Carolyn grew up in Bethesda, MD, where in later years she was active in the community as well as in local and national politics. She developed a deep concern for ending racial discrimination which became a guiding force throughout her life.

Carolyn's work experience was varied but generally centered on economic development for women and minorities, including inner city projects in Washington, DC, and New York City, as a lending officer for small and mid-sized businesses at Chemical Bank and Chief of Operations at the American Woman's Economic Development Corporation. During some of that time, she spent her nights working toward her college degree, graduating from the University of Maryland in 1978.

In 1983 Carolyn's search for spiritual renewal was answered when she became a Sahaja Yoga, a religion which practices self-realization through meditation. Over the years she became increasingly dedicated to the movement and was a highly respected leader.

Known as “Nana” to her grandchildren, Carolyn remained dedicated to her family throughout her lifetime. Her love, smiles and French Toast will be missed by all.

Carolyn is survived by her sons, John H. Vance, III (Michelle) and Jeff (Maribeth) and daughter, Susan Vance Cunningham (Russ); eight grandchildren; sisters, Joan Crowley and Marian Humphrey (Richard); and brother, Roger Asay (Rebecca Davis). Survivors include her former husbands, John H. Vance, Jr., and Volodymyr Sheredeko.

A private graveside ceremony is planned.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Carolyn Vance Service in memory of Carolyn Asay Vance* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 21, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Carolyn Asay Vance* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carolyn Asay Vance* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

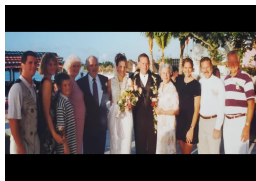


“ *Carolyn Asay Vance* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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**Jeff Vance** - June 06, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.

May 20, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.

May 20, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.



May 20, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ Dorothy Logan Philadelphia,PA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.



**Dorothy Logan Philadelphia,PA** - May 20, 2022 at 07:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.*



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May 19, 2022 at 06:26 PM



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**JV** - May 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM



*We put this video together with the pictures that we had on hand. We know that it does not include everyone and please know that we did not mean to slight you in anyway. Please add more pictures to her wall and perhaps we'll remake the tribute video to include them. Thanks for being Mom's friends!*

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**JV** - May 19, 2022 at 02:54 PM



*Beautiful. So lovely to see early photos of Carolyn.*

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**Hilary** - May 19, 2022 at 09:51 PM



*Thank you for sharing these lovely photos! It really shows how much Carolyn loved everyone and was so beloved by all of us as well.*

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**Betty** - May 19, 2022 at 10:14 PM

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*It is gift to see these wonderful photos of Carolyn and her family. Since we met and became friends only 35 years ago, is a joy and a treat to see our dear radiant Carolyn as a young girl, a young bride, and a loving mother and grandmother. With gratitude and heartfelt compassion for the whole family. Love, Tracy Tischuk*

Tracy Tischuk - May 20, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.



May 19, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Asay Vance.



May 18, 2022 at 01:25 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rajesh Talageri - May 17, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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**Sue Cunningham** - May 14, 2022 at 03:07 PM