



Carolyn Jean Guinn

April 22, 1970 - December 22, 2023

Carolyn Jean Guinn, 53, of Columbia, MD formerly of Maurertown, VA passed away peacefully at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD on December 22, 2023, after a long courageous battle with leukemia.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 11 A.M. at Dellinger Funeral Home, 159 N. Main St. Woodstock, VA 22664 with Pastor Sonya Williams-Giersch officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock then join the family for food and fellowship at the American Legion, 411 S Muhlenberg St, Woodstock.

Carolyn was born April 22, 1970, in Washington, DC.

She graduated from Strasburg High School in 1988 where she excelled in academics, basketball. In 1992, she graduated with honors from Mary Washington University where she received a BSB (Bachelors of Science in Biology). In 1995 she earned an ASN degree in nursing from Shenandoah University. In 1996 she received her BSN degree from Shenandoah University. In 2021 she completed her certificate in Patient Safety and Quality from Georgetown University. Carolyn began her nursing career working on the Skilled Nursing Unit at Life Care Center in New Market, VA. From there she worked as an ER nurse at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, VA. She worked at Winchester Medical Center for many years as a Cardiology

Case Manager, Director of the Renal Unit and Magnet Program Director. After leaving Winchester Medical Center, she became the Magnet Program Director at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She truly enjoyed the challenges and responsibilities of her job. Helping people and making the lives of nurses better were passions of Carolyn's. In her free time she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, traveling, listening to music, seeing live music shows, dancing, karaoke and spending time with her fur baby.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Homer Wade and Hazel Mauldwin Guinn and her maternal grandparents Edgar Franklin and Annie Funkhouser Shrum.

She is survived by her loving and caring partner who held her hand through it all, Mark Jardim of Columbia, MD; her parents, Tom Guinn, Sr. (Jackie) of Woodstock and Lorraine Gail Guinn of Maurertown; one son, Hunter Whirley (Alisha) of SC; two grandchildren, Harper and Asher Whirley; one sister, Cheryl Guinn Reynolds (Allen) of Harrisonburg; two brothers, Tom Guinn, Jr (Kim) of Woodstock and Bruce Gibbons of TX; two nephews, Parker Reynolds (Savannah) of KY, Clay Guinn (Cassidy) of Woodstock; three very special cousins, Susan Guinn, Kim Shrum Cooper and Debbie Guinn Harbaugh; two lifelong best friends, Stacie Rinker and Teresa Shillinburg, and her spoiled fur baby, Annie.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 29 from 6:00-8:00 at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock, VA.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL and the UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MARLENE AND STEWART GREENEBAUM COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Carolyn has and always will be one of the sweetest and kindest souls I have ever been blessed to know. I worked with her for many years and her passion in the art of nursing always translated to all she encountered. She spoke fondly and often of her grandkids - always sharing in laughs and adorable moments & stories. She will be greatly missed and is truly one of kind. To her family - thank you for sharing her with her UMMC family - my love, prayers, and condolences go to you. Carolyn, we love and miss you greatly dear.

Samantha - December 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Carolyn was such an amazing woman, friend and nurse. Her light will continue to shine brightly forever.

Arlene Gavitt - December 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I remember how much fun we all had at Stacy's 50th Birthday party and we gotten dressed up in the Renaissance theme. Carolyn will be deeply missed but in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

Jeffrey Joseph - December 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I worked with Carolyn in the ER of WMC. she was a great nurse and an even better person. she will be missed !!



kelly duke - December 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ It was in 2015 I was diagnosed with Leukemia my world was rocked , turned upside down and felt that I was on the ship alone . I was a patient at UMMC in Baltimore and my social worker saw my despair, and wanted to connect me with a patient who had almost mimicked my case , was my age and was doing well post treatment and had a positive attitude to share. This inspiring lady and friend was Carolyn Guinn. She was so helpful to me as I was just starting my journey. She was beautiful inside and out. I remember earlier this year that she reached out to me about her relapse , she wanted me to hear it from her first and wanted to reassure me this was although possible it was rare and for me not to worry for my own potential future health . We cried first , we laughed , we cried some more we talked and we both focused on our blessings. This diagnosis is hard ,the treatment more so ,so for us to have had the success we were having was a true miracle in itself. I told her I was so saddened to hear of her relapse and she again in her inspiring way told me not to be sad but to focus on myself and pray for her and that she was going prevail. I am confident she gave it all she had , and I am confident she is no longer suffering, I am also confident that she made all that knew her better people . Keep a watch on all of us now Carolyn , you will be missed greatly but will live on in all of us . Prayers to her family .

ELIZABETH TYLER - December 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Even though I never met Carolyn, I feel almost as though I knew her through my friendship and conversations with Cheryl. I've long admired her strength and courage in this cancer battle, and her passing is incredibly sad. I'm sending so much love to Carolyn's family and friends and praying that her memory brings you joy amid your sorrow.

Jenni Miller - December 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ R.I.P. I will miss your beautiful smile and your infectious good moods. You will always be a shining star. I will really miss you.love you kiddo



Debbie Shrum - December 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sad and shocked to learn of the passing of Carolyn. I had never met her but would have really liked to, occasionally we talked on Facebook or Messenger. She was such an upbeat and positive person through the illness she suffered with. She is another angel taken too soon. Gail and family you have my deepest heart felt sympathy. I wish I could make it to the funeral but will be unable to.

Keith Funkhouser - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Always a smile and helpful words. I will remember her kindness as I started working at WMC many years ago. Sweet soul and wonderful nurse.

Gayle Shanholtz - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Gail, Tom Jr, and family, We were so shocked and saddened to learn of Carolyn's passing. I remember what a smart and fantastic young woman she was when she graduated from college. She went on to make such a difference in so many people's lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. With love, Glenn and Amy Wood

Glenn Edward Wood - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Carolyn, you were always able to light up any room. I will always cherish our friendship forever! Thank you for choosing me to be your friend! I love you always! Stephanie xx



Stephanie Hill - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My heart gos out to the entire family. R.I.P sweet girl.



Dee Clark - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I sorry for Carolyne's loss rest in peace I remember her in youth group at Maurertown Brethern Church

Randy Whittington - December 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM