



Carol Jean Roberts

December 13, 1929 - September 11, 2010

Carol Roberts, 80, passed away Saturday, September 11 at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH. She was born on December 13, 1929 to Fred C. and Mildred Amanda (Pratt) Jackson in Birmingham, Alabama. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Jim; children, Jim Jr. (Cindy) Roberts, Mary Roberts, Fred (Elizabeth) Roberts, Tom (Lynette) Roberts, Chris Roberts, and Doug Roberts; grandchildren: Kerry (Andrew Hagner), Katharine, Meaghan, Callan, Pierce, James III "Jake," Makena, Brewer, Jordan, Jackson, Larson, and Logan Roberts; great-granddaughter, Abigail Rose; brother, Fred (Carla) Jackson, sister-in-law, Sally Ahrendt, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Carol was preceded in death by her parents. Carol Jean Jackson earned her Master's degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Iowa where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Her friendship with Jim Roberts began in grade school in Akron, where both of their fathers worked for Firestone Rubber Co. Their romance would blossom after Jim gave Carol his 8th grade pin, and they would celebrate 58 years of marriage on September 6, 2010. Carol married Jim while he was at the Ohio State University School of Medicine, and after internship and residency, she and young Jim, Jr., accompanied him to post-WWII Paris, where he was a Captain in the US Army. There Carol became a fluent French speaker and graduate of the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school, much to the enjoyment of her family who will long remember her crepes, buche de Noel and mousse au chocolat, along with her classic

Southern cooking. The family settled in Toledo in 1960 where Dr. Roberts began his pediatric practice with Dr. Ralph Zucker. Carol was a loving mother to six children, and was active in all of their Ottawa Hills school and sports activities. She was a Girl Scout leader, active and sustaining member of the Junior League of Toledo, volunteer with of the Academy of Medicine Auxiliary, Camp Storer, Camp Courageous, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Sauder Village and the Toledo Botanical Gardens, among many other activities. In addition to being an outstanding cook and hostess, Carol was an accomplished spinner, weaver and knitter. She helped to initiate the Pioneer Life program at the Toledo Botanical Gardens and frequently took master classes in weaving at the Manning's in Pennsylvania, and fabric arts centers in Vermont. She was an excellent bird hunter, fly fisherwoman and camper, spending many fall holidays hunting in upstate New York, fishing at Rockwell in Ohio and the Slagle Trout Club in Northern Michigan and summer camping at various parks. Carol was always up for an adventure, and traveled most of the world with her husband, children and grandchildren. Carol's greatest accomplishments were as a wonderful wife, outstanding mother, and amazing Nana to her grandchildren. She was a warm hostess, always welcoming one more to her table with open arms. She never judged others and lived by the words she frequently spoke: "It is my privilege to serve you." It was her family's privilege to have her as our wife, mother and Nana, and we will miss her more than we can say. Friends may visit the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave. from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17 at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe Street, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carol's memory are asked to be made to Monroe Street United Methodist Church (The Bridge), or Sauder Village.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jim and family, We just can't begin to tell you (or need we) how very special of a person Carol was. The funeral "celebration" was the ultimate and we enjoyed hearing what each of the children and minister had to say about this special person. We hold Carol dear in our hearts and would truly like to be more like her. She was really "AN ANGEL ON EARTH" and they are very rare. You all should feel honored as we do that she touched us and our hearts. God Bless you all! Love, Joan and Dan Mikesell

Joan and Dan Mikesell - jcmikesell@aol.com jcmikesell@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ The Roberts house was my second home as a child. Mary and I tormented Jim Jr. by sneaking into his room (strictly off limits) to play his Beatles and Cat Stevens albums and to mess with his chemistry set. We tried to help Mrs. Roberts keep track of the twins but rarely fulfilled our promises becoming distracted cutting each others bangs with safety scissors, singing songs about our new substitute teacher, or comparing notes on Batman. The Roberts house was filled with books and weaving and crepes (and of course lots of kids). Carol Roberts made it a magical place for children even for those who were not her own. I remember her with love. My condolences to her large and wonderful family.

Laurie Rosenblatt - larsenbl@gmail.com larsenbl@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for your loss - I have so many fond memories of sweet Carol. She treated my daughters and myself so great when I worked with her and the girls came in for shots. We will all miss her kind heart and compassionate soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Dr. Roberts.

Barb Fairchild - bffairchild@hotmail.com bffairchild@hotmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To Jim and all the family, we thank God for the many years and wonderful memories you have had with your wife and Mom. We know from the things you have said and the little we saw that she loved all of you dearly and seemed to pour her life into making that love known. What better testimony to her life than that she loved her family with all her heart, mind and soul. Blessings to you all.

Sandy and Andy Goodwin - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Carolyn has been a wonderful friend to many of us at the Sauder Village for many years and a vital asset to our Fiber Arts Program. We will miss her friendly nature and generous spirit. I've cherished our personal friendship and enjoyed her Christmas letters telling the travels and activities of her incredible family. I'm sure they will carry on her values. She certainly lived well. With Sympathy to all who loved her, especially her family. Maynard and Carolyn Sauder
Maynard and Carolyn Sauder

Carolyn and Maynard Sauder - cmsauder@roadrunner.com cmsauder@roadrunner.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. May I offer my sincere condolences. Wow, your mom lived an inspiring and full life. Wishing you peace.*

James Pritchard, Ames, Iowa - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

Ll

“ *To Carol's Family, I met Carol in 1985 when she taught me to spin. Years later we would meet at spinning events, but I have not seen her in a few years. I enjoyed my spinning lessons with her, she always shared her knowledge and kept me updated with the latest trends. She was fun to be with and a wonderful lady. My sincere condolence to the family. Linda Kruzynski*

Linda Kruzynski - lindaski@buckeye-access.com lindaski@buckeye-access.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

Ss

“ *Warm thoughts and wishes for the Roberts family. I have many fond memories - she was an exceptional lady!*

Sue Janney Sutherland - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ On behalf of Sauder Village, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Carol's family. Although she wasn't here every day, she was an important part of our Sauder Village family. Any day she was at the Village was one filled with joy and laughter. Her enthusiastic support of our mission was evident in the gifts of her talent and ideas that she shared with our spinning/weaving staff. Her initiative and her financial support to have historic textile authority, Rabbit Goody come and do a workshop for our weavers, was one that will have a lasting impact in our living history village. Every time we look at the beautiful carpet in the Witmer/Roth home, woven in our weaving shop by our own weavers as a result of their workshop with Rabbit, we will remember Carol. Another example of her kindness is the gift of the "Woolbur" book, which Carol thought we should have. Little did she know that today her gift has become the cornerstone of our science-based spinning program for K-3rd grade. We want to express our deep gratitude to Carol and her family for naming Sauder Village as a designation for her memorial gifts. As our non-profit organization grows and strives to provide experiences rich in history, hospitality, creativity and fun for all of our guests, we appreciate the great gifts of friendship and support given by both Carol and Jim. We loved Carol for her enthusiastic spirit, and we will miss her. Sincerely, Kris Jemmott Director of Historic Operations

Sauder Village - kjemmott@saudervillage.org kjemmott@saudervillage.org -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I want extend my deepest regard for Carol's entire family. I was saddened to hear of her passing, in spite of knowing the angels are welcoming her for eternity. As Carol let us know, it was our privilege to have known her and worked with her for many years with Dr. Roberts, Sr. in Allergy clinic at Fulton County Health Center. It always amazed me of her many talents, and caring and kindness for all she came into contact with. I/we at FCHC Multi Specialty Clinic will miss her greatly. We have missed Dr. Roberts since he has retired from coming out here for clinic monthly. May God comfort and keep you safe you all in your loss and grieving of your dear wife/mother/nana. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We feel we have each of Carol and Jim Roberts' family members because Carol was faithful in keeping us updated on the family she loved greatly. Our Love to you all, Linda Johnson and Brenda Thomas from The Multi Specialty Clinic at Fulton County Health Center

Linda Johnson - ldj1219@gmail.com ldj1219@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It has been my privilege to know the Roberts family for 50 years so my deepest condolences to all of you on the passing of this splendid woman. Carol Roberts was one of the finest women to grace God's green earth.

John Cooper - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Our thoughts are with the entire Roberts family and you mourn the loss of your dear Carol, Mom and Nana. We were priveledged to meet Carol, spend time with her and be a part such a huge part of her son and daugther in law (Tom & Buddy) family. She is at rest and in the hands of our Father. Much love to all of you.

Sean and Caroline Kane - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To the Roberts Family, I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Robert's passing. My heart goes out to Dr. Roberts and her children at this difficult time. I have fond memories of having supper several times with Dr. and Mrs. Roberts after Mary's choir concerts in Athens, Ohio. Sincerely, Linda Smith

Linda Smith - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Jim and Family- We are so sorry to hear about your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

The Johnsons - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Dear Jim and Roberts Family: We were so sorry to hear about Carol. Our condolences to you and your family. Our hope is you have a legacy of fond memories to see you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Sarel ('Sam') & Walter Offinger

Walter & Sarel Offinger - woffinger@offinger.com woffinger@offinger.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ A dear friend I always think about when I am in "all the old familiar places." Mary and I shared studio space at TBG. This was a very special time for me. Sometimes Mary, Carol and I were all together in that studio space. Now for Carol's family: my thoughts and our prayers are with you.

Lois Shelly - j.shelly@bex.net j.shelly@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I met Carol through my work at Sauder Village. She was such an ardent supporter of what we do and was always willing to lend a hand or an idea. Not too long ago she donated a children's book called "Woolbur" It is a great book about a sheep with personality. We loved the book so much, we made it a cornerstone of a new science based spinning program. As part of a grant funded project, we were able to do this program and place a copy of Woolbur in over 20 classrooms in Fulton and Lucas Counties this winter. All because of Carol's gift.... she made a real difference to us and many children.

Andi Erbskorn - aerbskorn@saudivillage.org aerbskorn@saudivillage.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Dr. Roberts and family, I remember so many fond times at your home as a friend of Jim Jr... We enjoyed many hours of wine tastings, as well as having Carol make crepes suzettes for Ms. Sager's French class! I so enjoyed spending time with your family--I only lived a block or so up the street on Evergreen. I wish you condolences and peace at this time of grief and I know that Carol has been taken into the arms of God and is showcasing all her wonderful culinary talents in Heaven right now! Best wishes from the Wacke family--Barb Sams

Barb Sams (Wacke) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *What a beautiful woman Carol was. She would brighten up the room when she walked in. I knew her from Pilates where she took classes. I had the pleasure of teaching her a few times. The other clients looked forward to seeing her when she came to the studio. Just know that she will be missed and she was a beautiful person, inside and out....*

Gayle Eversole - Gayleversole@gmail.com Gayleversole@gmail.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family - we knew Carol through our mother Sandy Hayden - she will be missed by all who knew her. She touched so many lives.*

Barb and Allen Hayden - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Chris, "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen. It gives us assurance about things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1. I know you know like I do that you'll be with your Mom again soon, and I pray that God gives you strength to get through these tough times here, believing that promise without a doubt. I am so sorry for your loss, and I am thinking of and praying for you and your family. Christy Cook*

Christy Cook - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jim, Cindy and Family, On behalf of the Notre Dame Academy community, I extend our sincere sympathy at the loss of your mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. It is evident that she has left a wonderful legacy in the lives of each of you and all her loved ones. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sr. Mary Ann Culpert, SND President

Sr. Mary Ann Culpert, SND - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to learn of Carol's death. What a truly wonderful woman. We met at the Y's Women's Fitness Camp and I looked forward to seeing her there or anywhere else we both happened to be. I was also privileged to have her come as a guest speaker/artist to speak of weaving and spinning techniques to my classes. She was an extraordinary.

Janet Rogolsky - jrogolsky@sev.org jrogolsky@sev.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM