



## Carmen L. Orr

March 5, 1961 - June 22, 2020

Carmen L. (Gard) Orr, 59, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on the afternoon of Monday, June 22, 2020, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 5, 1961, in New Castle, Indiana. Carmen always felt blessed to be the daughter of George P. Gard Sr. and Wanda Lou Bertram.

Carmen attended New Castle High School and then married the love of her life, Bruce Orr, on May 28, 1982. She was a selfless caregiver who put everyone else's needs above her own. Carmen said her greatest achievement in life was raising her children. An excellent cook, she found joy in feeding her family. Carmen's love for her family, and especially her grandchildren, excelled all other things she enjoyed. Carmen loved to go out to eat and liked to enjoy a good steak. She loved bowling and was inducted into the Henry County Bowling Association. In her downtime, she enjoyed her flowers, gardening, playing cards, and fishing. Carmen loved her two church families at Cross Road Church and The Sanctuary.

Those left to cherish Carmen's memory include her loving mother, Wanda Bertram; her best friend and devoted husband of 38 years, Bruce Orr; three caring children, Derek (Alissa) Orr, Nikki (Matthew) Daffron, and Neva (Princeton) Orr all of New Castle; six grandchildren, Connor, Cadence, Cory, Alana, Lillyana, Ella Ruth; brother, Phil (Vanessa) Gard of Mooreland, sister, Cindy Reeves of New Castle, brother, Voyle Dean (Tina) Gard of Mooreland, and brother, Kenny Bertram of New Castle; her special second mom, Frances Free of New Castle; her mother-in-law, Helen Orr Stephens of New Castle; a sister-in-law, Teresa (Jef) Armstrong; three brothers-in-law, Scott (Carla) Simpkins, Joe (Cindy) Simpkins, and David (Cathy) Simpkins, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, George P. "Muscles" Gard; her "Pops" Gene Bertram; a brother, Duffy Cook; father-in-law, Fred Orr; mother-in-law, Joann (Sam) Gann, and two brothers-in-law, Jim Simpkins and Dennis Orr.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Matthew Daffron officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 pm Friday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff feel honored to serve the family of Carmen L. (Gard) Orr.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 26.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
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## Service

**JUN 27.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

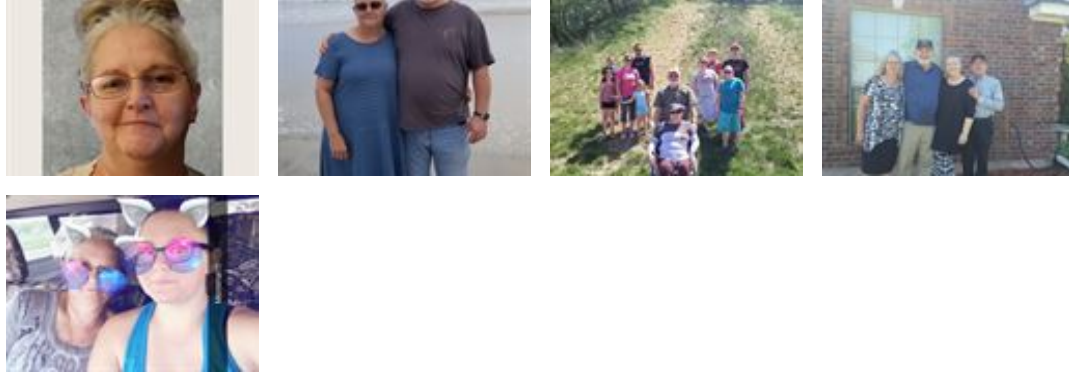


“ This is Jay Littrell remember Carmen well she was one of the good ones very caring girl thought the world of her and Phil, Cindy , Wanda Lou....my childhood friends always remember never forget ...Her loving kind ways .

Rita Littrell - June 26, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 26, 2020 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ Our family have lots of precious memories of the entire Orr family. Our hearts ache as we know you have lost a very special lady. She was a very caring person who loved her family dearly and others. I had the privilege as well as many others to partake of some great food she made. That sweet little smile she has is one we will never forget. Many special memories of the bowling alley days. She and Bruce raised 3 terrific "kids". We are so sorry for your loss, she was so young and vibrant but only God knows. Our prayer is that God will wrap his arms around each of you and give you the grace and strength to endure these sad days. Just know without a shadow of a doubt that this lady is rejoicing in heaven with no more pain. We love all of you and are praying for all.



Ron and Donna Ragan - June 25, 2020 at 08:05 PM

DO

“ My mom was my fishing buddy. We had so many great times and shared a lot of info with each other in what we were struggling with. I will miss her so much but will try do what she asked me to do! Enjoy heaven and see you later Mom!

Derek Orr - June 25, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.



June 25, 2020 at 04:07 PM

MH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mom I always liked her a very sweet caring compassionate lady that was full of love and laughter may you fly high now that your an angel with wings



Molly Hakes - June 25, 2020 at 01:54 PM

KI

“ So sorry for your loss. Carman was an.amazing woman. Kirsten curtis-lippmann and family.



Kirsten - June 25, 2020 at 01:27 PM

AH

Love her a very beautiful women.my prayers are with her family

Anita Helderbrand - June 25, 2020 at 10:21 PM

PK

“ Cindy, my heart aches for you and all your family. I will always remember Carmen's smile whenever we would meet!

Phyllis Kirkpatrick - June 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM

AC

“ Alexis Couchman lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr



Alexis Couchman - June 25, 2020 at 01:03 AM

RD

“ I was blessed to have Carmen and siblings in my young teenage years . They took me in when I was going through some rough times . Carmen always put others before her self . She had a heart of of Gold and a great sense of humor . , but what really thrilled my heart is when Carmen surrendered her life to Christ Jesus. Amen! And she would say with confidence through her pain. I’m going to receive my healing here or in Heaven. She fought a good fight. And through all this Momma Wanda . God will get all the Glory. My prayers and love to Bruce and Kids . She will be dearly missed , but I’ll rejoice with her forever in Heaven . John 14: 1-3. Phil and Cindy (Red) I love you all . You all are Awsome!

Ricky Davis - June 24, 2020 at 09:39 PM

ML

“ Lots of great memories growing up together and always knowing you was always just down the alley! RIH Until we all meet again! ❤️🙏



Merry Logan - June 24, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.



June 24, 2020 at 07:37 PM

LJ

“ I am so saddened by Carmen's passing. She is greatly missed



Lorie Jones - June 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.



June 24, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.



June 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM



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June 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr



Wilma Royer Massengale - June 24, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ I have very fond memories of Carmen, had a blast with her as my partner in the 5 pin league. What a fantastic cook she was. RIP my friend 😭



kathy daugherty - June 24, 2020 at 09:50 AM

EM

“ Ed & I are very sorry for your loss. We have so many great memories with her at the bowling alley.

Ed & Vickie Manifold - June 24, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.



June 24, 2020 at 06:50 AM

CS

“ Derek and family, along with all of Carmon's family, my deepest sympathy,  
May you all be comforted as you walk your journey without her and may God Bless each of you.  
Prayers for comfort are being said.



Carol R. Smith - June 24, 2020 at 12:33 AM

BB

“ Bryan Burke lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr



Bryan Burke - June 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM

SW

“ Sherrie Watson lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr



Sherrie watson - June 23, 2020 at 10:15 PM

BD

“ *Bill & Jewel Davis lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr*



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JM

“ *Jeff & Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr*



Jeff & Lisa Miller - June 23, 2020 at 10:10 PM

MH

“ *Mike And Belita Hardwick lit a candle in memory of Carmen L. Orr*



Mike and Belita Hardwick - June 23, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carmen L. Orr.*



June 23, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MH

“ *A great women going to be missed*

Mr Mrs Doug hampton - June 23, 2020 at 09:36 PM

SW

“ Always enjoyed working with Carmen. We had so much fun!



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**Sharon Weddle** - June 23, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LW

“ Carmen will be greatly missed. What a courageous battle she fought. She was a dear friend. Love and prayers to all.

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**Leanne Wallace** - June 23, 2020 at 08:05 PM