



Carolyn Joan Garvin

August 27, 1928 - November 11, 2014

Carolyn Joan Garvin, 86, of New Castle, died on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Henry County Hospital.

She was born August 27, 1928 in New Castle, a daughter of the late Harry and Vivian (Thornburg) Ballinger.

Carolyn is a distinguished graduate of New Castle High School class of 1946. She earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from Ball State University. She taught third grade at Tri Elementary for 28 years, retiring in 2004 at the age of 75. She served as a substitute teacher for years thereafter. Previously, she was a long-time employee of First National Bank of New Castle. She was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church for more than 55 years, a long-time member of P.E.O. and a supporter of many educational, charitable and civic causes. She was especially supportive of the Henry County Humane Society.

Throughout her long life, Carolyn loved travel and time spent with family and friends. She enjoyed animals (especially dogs and birds), children, teaching, Sanibel Island, duplicate bridge, auctions, antiques and collectibles, the Pebble Beach Swim Club, Kandersteg, Switzerland, holiday celebrations and making noodles. She was kind, genuine, empathetic, and well-loved. She is greatly missed.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 64 years, James L. Garvin; three children, Stuart (Bev) Garvin of Indianapolis, Mark (Marie Kolp) Garvin of Ft. Wayne and Jan (Jim Spalding) Garvin of Lincoln, NE; nephews, Steve and John Ballinger and Tom and Bob Stephens and a niece, Jane Cover.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Maraline Stephens and a brother, Norman Ballinger.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Tom McGilliard officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Humane Society. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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2400 S Memorial Dr
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Service

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *I miss you Mom.*

Mark Garvin - October 25, 2016 at 04:38 PM

GR

“ *I did not know Carolyn personally, but she had been a co-worker and a good friend of my Mother, Rosemary Hoff. My prayers go out to her husband and family. May God be with you and comfort you in your time of loss. Gary D. Rose*

Gary D. Rose - November 17, 2014 at 06:58 PM

JB

“ *Worked with Carolyn years ago at bank. Always such a wonderful fun lady*

janice Burton - November 15, 2014 at 11:15 PM



“ *Jan, nearly every memory of you includes your mom! She, like my mom, was so involved in everything we did! I loved that! I'm so sorry about her passing, fortunately we do always have memories to hold onto!*



Judi Young - November 15, 2014 at 05:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.*



November 15, 2014 at 04:52 AM



“ *Jennifer Bonilla lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Joan Garvin*



Jennifer Bonilla - November 15, 2014 at 03:55 AM



“ *Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Those who share in your loss wish you comfort and peace. May you find strength in the love of family and the warm embrace of friends.*
Jennifer

Jennifer - November 14, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Joan Garvin*



Jennifer - November 14, 2014 at 02:12 PM

YF

“ your Big Brothers Big Sisters family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.



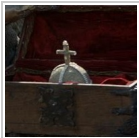
your Big Brothers Big Sisters family - November 14, 2014 at 09:51 AM

Ashley Rossiter

“ I moved to Tri elementary in the 3rd grade and into Mrs. Garvin's class. She was an amazing lady who I will never forget. I believe she set me on the right path due to her faith in me as a student and person. She will be dearly missed. My deepest condolences to the family.



Ashley Rossiter - November 14, 2014 at 08:30 AM



“ Just wanted to say that she was an excellent teacher and one that genuinely cared about all of her students long after they had left school. I am better for having had her in my life. You will be missed....

Ken Custer - November 13, 2014 at 09:42 PM

Amy George

“ Mrs. Garvin was one of the sweetest people around. Taught me times tables and she initiated a friendship that's lasted 25yrs between my best friend and myself :) she always made it a point to remember her students. Great person. Wonderful teacher.

Amy George - November 13, 2014 at 08:43 PM

MC

“ *Mary C. purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.*



Mary C. - November 13, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.*



November 13, 2014 at 07:51 PM

JS

“ *John Theisen and staff purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.*



John Theisen and staff - November 13, 2014 at 10:06 AM

JR

“ *"Death ends a life but it does not end a relationship." Memories and prayers for one great lady. It was a pleasure knowing her and being able to help Stuart, Mark, and Jan on their journey. -Jim Robbins*



James A. Robbins - November 13, 2014 at 07:43 AM

AB

“ April B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.



April B. - November 13, 2014 at 07:41 AM

LD

“ Lilly Devices purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.



Lilly Devices - November 13, 2014 at 07:28 AM

JW

“ A lovely lady with a great mind and beautiful leadership qualities!
She will be greatly missed!
My deepest sympathies to all of her family!
Joyce Julaine Wilhelm

Joyce Julaine Wilhelm - November 13, 2014 at 06:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joan Garvin.



November 12, 2014 at 09:31 PM