



## Carolyn Ferne Hood

July 29, 1940 - November 20, 2021

Carolyn Ferne Hood, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Saturday, November 20, 2021. She was 81.

She was born July 29, 1940, in Lexington, Missouri, a daughter of the late Arthur Peter and Mattie Velma (Krey) Uphaus.

Carolyn was raised on a farm in Springhill, Kansas, and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. From an early age, the greatest loves in Carolyn's life were Jesus and music. She mastered playing piano and organ, and also played the flute. At the age of 13, Carolyn began to accompany people as they sang, and she would offer this gift of music until the day God called her home. Carolyn also loved reading, cooking, and baking, all talents that would benefit the life of service she would give to God's Kingdom.

Carolyn was raised in the Church of the Nazarene, and prior to attending college, she worked at Nazarene Publishing House.

While a freshman at Bethany Nazarene College, she met her future husband, a Texas native, the late Dr. Gene Hood. They were married on September 2, 1958. After leaving college, they pastored 5 years in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After pastoring in Tulsa, God called Gene and Carolyn into the ministry of

Evangelism, a ministry that would last for 7 years. Carolyn loved being the wife of an evangelist, and she would play the piano and sing with her husband during revival services. Her greatest love in evangelism was providing encouragement and prayer to the church pastor's wife, and the bond Carolyn forged with pastor's wives created lifelong friendships.

In 1972, Gene and Carolyn Hood moved to Beech Grove, Indiana, where they would pastor Beech Grove Independent Nazarene Church for 42 years. As a pastor's wife, Carolyn's major role was to support and complete her husband. She was submissive, loyal, and always willing to do even the most menial tasks. Her greatest mission as a pastor's wife was to pray and to care for people. Carolyn Hood loved people.

In 1975, Gene and Carolyn Hood co-founded Nazarene Christian School. NCS quickly became a great labor of love for Carolyn. She adopted each student as a member of her family. She prayed for the students, practiced with them, taught them piano, and accompanied them to state and national conventions. In the 1970s, she and her husband took the Indianapolis district's Impact team of young people to minister in Switzerland and enjoyed the beauty of that country.

Carolyn loved to write. She spent hundreds of hours proofreading and editing books. Her love of writing inspired her to start a blog that would serve one major purpose: to encourage people. Her blog would lead to a ministry of encouragement that would blossom into countless hours of phone calls and text messages, and most importantly, prayers for hurting and needy people.

Carolyn did not enjoy traveling, and would often say, "I think I'm just going to stay in my nest." But following Dr. Hood's death, Carolyn went to Papua New Guinea in honor of her husband and to show her love and support for PNG Bible Church.

Carolyn Hood never aspired to wealth and fame. Giving, praying, and living sacrificially were hallmarks of her life. She was always willing to have less so others could have more.

Carolyn was a great giver of forgiveness, always reacting to adversity with a wonderful forgiving spirit. Her children never heard her say a negative word about anyone.

Carolyn loved her family with a passion and loyalty very few people could aspire to possess. She constantly reminded her family to make sure that one day they would meet her in God's Heaven, and at family gatherings she would pray and share spiritual writings she had penned.

Carolyn will be remembered as a strong lady who faced pain and heartache with grace and glory. Prior to her passing, she suffered the loss of her granddaughter, Angel, and yet in the midst of her pain, she never complained. She only wanted to pray.

When diagnosed with cancer, she gracefully accepted the diagnosis but wanted to live so she could continue to serve and pray. Her prayer list was up to date, and she prayed for those on her list to life's very end.

The last words Carolyn publicly penned were these: "Come and go with me to Glory Land."

Those left to cherish Carolyn's memory include her children, Randy (Barbara) Hood, Paula (Tommie) Phillips, Jonathan (Jessica) Hood, and Joel (Mandy) Hood; nine grandchildren, Adrian (Brittany) Hood, Ashton (Kayla) Hood, Kaylee and Brooklynn Phillips, Zoe, Emma, Madeline, Faith, and Riley Hood

and Carolyn was eagerly awaiting the arrival of another grandson; four great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Juliette, Liam, and Kylian Hood; a brother, John (Anita) Uphaus; a sister, Merry (Gene) Clegg; two nieces, Juli (Frank) Uphaus Bell and Dalene Uphaus, and two nephews, Barry (Allayne) Clegg and Bryan (Deb) Clegg.

Awaiting her to join them in Heaven were her parents, Arthur and Mattie Uphaus; her husband of 56 years Dr. Gene Hood, two granddaughters, Angelica “Angel” Hood, and Alicia Hood, along with a nephew, Jeff Uphaus.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church, 2911 E. Michigan Road, Shelbyville, Indiana, with Pastor Joe Smith and Pastor Stephen Smith officiating. Entombment will follow in Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

The funeral service will be Livestreamed and may be viewed by Clicking Here (<http://www.shelbybhc.com/livestream/>).

Friends may call from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday and one hour prior to the service on Saturday all at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

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

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 East Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church  
2911 E. Michigan Road  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

## Visitation

NOV **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church  
2911 E. Michigan Road  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

## Service

NOV **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KK

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Carolyn Hood. Carolyn accompanied musical groups at Spring Hill High School, and I met her then, later becoming friends with John and Merry as well. Their family became profoundly influential in my Christian life and growth. As I look at her life being remembered, I see their mother, and the beautiful, loving, and gracious way Carolyn emulated her and glorified the Lord. Her life will continue to be a light long into the future.

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**karen Kennedy** - November 27, 2021 at 09:43 PM

JS

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Sis. Hood was an example of a Christian lady with love and grace. May our LORD be your comfort and peace.

Jay Shuck

New Braunfels, Texas

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**Jay Shuck** - November 26, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 26, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ 243 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - November 25, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM

LP

“ Hello, Hood family. We are so sorry to hear about Angel and Carolyn. Words are sometimes hard to find in difficult situations like these. The best we can say is we are sad and happy, both at the same time. Sad for the loss and happy for them that they are enjoying being in the presence of our Savior. Of course we miss our loved ones so much, but knowing that those who are in Jesus are now resting in the arms of Him, Who gave His life for us is so comforting. Only good, peace and happiness forever now. Thank the Lord! ~ May the good Lord comfort you all and help you through this time. ~ Love you & miss you too. ~ Lorraine Powell



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**Lorraine Powell** - November 24, 2021 at 02:37 PM

BG

“ Such a warm wonderful person. I'm glad to have known her even though briefly. Sending our love and prayers your way. Becky Givans

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**Becky Givans** - November 24, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 24, 2021 at 12:49 PM

EA

“ Ed Arthur purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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**Ed Arthur** - November 24, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 24, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 23, 2021 at 08:18 PM

LJ

“ Carolyn, a lady whom I loved dearly. I cherish the memories of the times we shared together. Talking to her a couple weeks ago, we had such a precious time reminiscing about the good 'ole days. I played the piano, she played the organ---we were like a 'hand in glove'. I will always cherish those days. We shared the good, the bad, the funny, the sad---always, thanking and giving God praise for allowing our paths to cross.

Carolyn is now free from the burdens she quietly carried, from the pain and misery that wracked her body, from all earth's sorrow and heartache---she's HOME.

Larry and I will always love you, dear friend. Keep the gate open---we're comin'!!

Trisha Jewett (and, Larry)

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Larry and Trisha Jewett - November 23, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 23, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.



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November 23, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.*



November 23, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.*



November 23, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.*



November 23, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.*



November 23, 2021 at 12:09 PM

GC

“ *God's Bible School & College purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Ferne Hood.*



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**God's Bible School & College** - November 23, 2021 at 09:47 AM