



Carolyn Pappin Johnson

January 18, 1940 - January 16, 2025

Carolyn Mae Pappin (Johnson), 84, of Collierville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Carolyn was born on January 18, 1940, to James and Ilah Pappin in Cadillac, Michigan. She attended Greenville High School where she was a lifeguard, volunteered at the hospital (candy striper) and was a contestant in the Miss Montcalm County Pageant. She then attended Central Michigan University where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in English from Western Connecticut State University. Her love of learning carried through to her students while teaching Home Economics, English and Physical Education in Middle School and High School in Indiana and Connecticut. She taught herself to speak and write numerous foreign languages so she could communicate with her ESOL students.

Carolyn was a caring, kind, good-natured, devoted wife and dedicated mother. She was married to Michael for 60 years until his passing on April 20, 2023. Carolyn and Michael raised four children and due to Michael's career, they lived in Indiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Connecticut. After retiring, Carolyn and Michael spent their summers and fall in Southbury, Connecticut, where they enjoyed walking, hiking, gardening, and swimming. Carolyn loved her flower gardens but would get so excited when an abundance of wildlife

visited her yard. Her binoculars and camera were always within an arm's reach. She had a good time playing croquet and badminton when family would come to visit. Carolyn was an incredible cook and baker. Her family couldn't wait to eat the yummy meals and desserts that she would whip up! Winters and spring were spent in Vero Beach, Florida. She loved meeting and talking to people. She enjoyed spending time at Vista Royale library reading through books and magazines. You could also find her at home working on puzzles, painting, ceramics, and listening to music. She enjoyed being outdoors where she played bocce, shuffleboard, walking and picking up shells on the beach, and watching the alligators along the lakes around the community.

May God wrap his loving arms around Carolyn until we see her again. Thank you for always loving us, guiding us, and treasured memories. You will be forever in our hearts and thoughts. We know that Michael is very happy to see you! You will be truly missed.

Carolyn is survived by four children: Julie Johnson, Mike (Carole) Johnson, David (Lisa) Johnson, and Mark Johnson; six grandchildren: Bryan (Kristin), Andrew (Alex), Tyler, Courtney, Breanna, and Hayden; two great-granddaughters: Riley and Mackenzie; her sister, Janice and brother, Dean (Linda) Pappin. Carolyn's ashes will be spread in Vero Beach, Florida.

In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of Carolyn, the family asks that donations be sent to: Page Robbins Adult Day Center, 1961 S. Houston Levee Road, Collierville, Tennessee 38017 and/or www.pagerobbins.org.