



Carolyn N. Willford

December 14, 1934 - September 1, 2020

Carolyn N. Willford, 85, formerly of Elery, Ohio, passed away on September 1, 2020. She was born in Napoleon, Ohio on December 14, 1934 to John and Margaret (Hiler) McClure. Carolyn married James Willford on December 14, 1952 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon.

Carolyn was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, where she enjoyed making blankets with the Sewing Ministry, preparing congregational dinners with the Congregational Life Committee, and assisting with the Ladies of the Church. Carolyn was a bus driver for Patrick Henry Schools and would often volunteer her time to drive the bus for her children's events. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Peggy (David) Follett, Cynthia (Roger) Dinius, Diane (Michael) Elchinger; sons, James (Barbara) Willford and Michael (Anne) Willford; 9 grandsons; 2 great granddaughters; sister, Joan Groll and sister-in-law, Evelyn McClure. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James; infant children, Patty Lynn and Joel Richard; and siblings, Walter "Mac" McClure, Gretchen Shroyer, Roy McClure, Margaret "Mickey" Crawford, Alma McKinnon, John McClure, Richard "Dick" McClure, Pauline Thompson and Paul Eugene McClure.

Services for Carolyn will be private for the immediate family. Interment will

take place at Grelton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Grelton Cemetery

Grelton, OH 43523

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I met Carolyn at Vancrest of Holgate. She always tried to remember my name but more often than not she would call me Katerina but I'd just smile and continue our conversation. She was always kind to me.*



Christina German - September 12, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Willford family on the passing of Carolyn , A great neighbor , bus driver and friend. Many fond memories of her and the rest of the family ! The Lord needed another Angel and He has found a special one ! 🙏 May God bless and grant you peace!*
Jim & Cindy Cody

Jim & Cindy Cody - September 07, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dear Peggy and Dave and extended Family sorry for your loss. I have a lot of fond memories. Again sorry for your loss.*
Walt Iliff

Walt Iliff - September 04, 2020 at 05:27 PM



Thanks Walt, hope you and your family are doing well

Peggy Willford Follett - September 05, 2020 at 06:07 AM

KS

“ Thinking of your family and sending prayers. I was remembering how sweet your Mom was and would tell everyone to have a good day or evening when she left the dining room. With sympathy, Karen Schwiebert



Karen Schwiebert - September 04, 2020 at 08:11 AM

LM

“ To the family of Carolyn Willford, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Carolyn was my bus driver every year I rode the bus. I liked seeing her in the morning and those years that I was almost the last one on the bus in the afternoon, I enjoyed our talks. I was always amazed at how she could back that bus up on a narrow driveway bridge to turn around and then there was the time that she had to evacuate the bus at our house due to a tornado near by and we all waited the storm out in our cellar.

May all of your memories of her bring you peace, comfort and a smile.

Lisa (Conmay) Meeker

Lisa Meeker - September 03, 2020 at 09:50 PM

LH

“ Our deepest sympathy to her family. She was a wonderful lady. We saw her often when we lived out on K-2 and they had horses there. The last time we saw her she was having breakfast with Elnora Hockman at Frisch's in Napoleon--always a good talk. She was a good friend to many. Love and Prayers, Mike & Lynn Hoops

Lynette Hoops - September 03, 2020 at 01:38 PM

MH

“ *The Slim and Wilma Kieffer family are thinking of you during this difficult time. Carolyn drove the bus when Becky and I (Melisa) rode and she had that "mom look" in the mirror that kept people in line. Such a sweet woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Melisa Heitman - September 03, 2020 at 10:44 AM

SB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Carolyn was a special, caring person. We shared a special date, December 14, and always remembered to wish each other a happy anniversary plus birthday wishes for Carolyn. Two of our children were good friends which created another bond for us. Roger and I will never forget her visits, kindness, and encouraging words when we were on lockdown at Vancrest. May you rest in peace Carolyn. Roger and Shirley Bostelman*

Shirley Bostelman - September 03, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Thinking of you all! She was a wonderful lady and will be missed.*

Donna Mahlman Warren - September 03, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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Cynthia Dinius - September 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Carolyn Willford



Cynthia Dinius - September 02, 2020 at 03:38 PM