

Carol Ann Vandermark

July 6, 1936 – Sept. 21, 2017

Mrs. Carol Ann Vandermark, 81, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017, at Life Care Center of Rochester.



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In Fulton County, on July 6, 1936, Carol Ann Spurlock was born. She was a treasured daughter of Ira Morris and Nina L. Riley Spurlock.

On June 19, 1955, in Mentone, Carol married Lyle K. Vandermark. They enjoyed more than 56 years of life's adventures. From their union came three wonderful children: Randy, Roy and Michele. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A vibrant woman with a strong work ethic, Carol, along with Lyle, assisted her parents, Ira and Nina with the poultry farm and dressing operations. The Vandermarks continued the operations for nearly four decades. The decade of the '70s allowed Lyle and Carol to provide Rochester's retail community with the Western Auto Store. From about 1981-1991, Carol enjoyed greeting customers at Enyart's True Value.

Carol was a lifelong member of Rochester's church of Christ. During her camping years, she held memberships with Hoosier Neighbors and Sycamore Sam's Chapter 13, and the Hoosier Campers, Escapees, Indiana Chapter 51.

Sharing a passion for the outdoors, Carol and Lyle enjoyed camping out under the starlit skies. In the early years, the expeditions included the kids, introducing them to the beauty of the United States. When the "grands" arrived, they too were included, making many memorable trips. In all, Lyle and Carol visited nearly 50 states and many parts of Canada and Mexico.

As a grandma, Carol had a huge soft spot for her grandchildren. She looked forward to their visits and enjoyed making memories. She was known to those closest to her as a "baby magnet." Carol thoroughly enjoyed the warmth of the summer sunshine. She was a lifetime avid walker. In 1996, she was given the Top Gardener Award by the master gardeners club. People have many memories of her great recipes and skills in cooking and baking, especially her red velvet cake.

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Carol was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband Lyle on July 24, 2011; and a stepbrother, Sam Harmon.

A celebration of the life of Carol A. Vandermark will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, at the Rochester church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St. Pastor Aaron Gross will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1220 W. 18th Street, Rochester, and an hour prior to the service Monday at the church. Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Carol's family at www.good-familyfh.com.

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