



## Carolyn Jane Wilson

September 12, 1937 - February 17, 2026

Carolyn J. Wilson, 88, of Carlyle, passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Carlyle Healthcare.

She was born in Dowell, Illinois on September 12, 1937 to Howard Allen Porter and Gladys Edith (Hartley) Porter.

Survivors include her children, Thomas Brett (Marla) Wilson of Centralia, Robin (Douglas) Gormann of Centralia, Johna (Wayne) Albritton of Louisville, Kentucky and Allen Wilson of Centralia; grandchildren, Sarah Albritton, Houston (Rachel) Albritton, Marah (Michael) Elliott, Kelsey Wilson, Madison (Caleb) Halfacre, Abigale (Nick) Wilson, Emily Wilson, Traci (Brad) Mayfield, Douglas (Tanya) Gormann, Natalie (John) Albritton, Nicole (Scott) Staton and Melissa (James) Murrany; great grandchildren, Morgan & Sawyer Elliott, Ellis & Wilson Albritton, Charli & Avery Reynolds, Walker Halfacre, Brianna (Jett) Reed, Brandon Mayfield, Kylie Gormann, Cade Gormann, Gracey Gormann, Jackson Staton and Cruz Tinder; brother, Mel Porter of Decatur and several nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Gladys (Hartley) Porter, a grandson Todd "TJ" Gormann and her sister in law, Sandra Porter.

Carolyn Jane Wilson grew on a farm in Dowell, Illinois where she lived with

her mother and father. She also lived with her big brother Mel Porter who she was so fond of. Her family moved to Elkhville, Illinois where she graduated high school. She married Tom Kell Wilson in 1959 and moved to Centralia. She dedicated her life to raising and taking care of her family. She was an active member of the Toastmasters Club and a volunteer as a Sub Deb's sponsor and for our Lady of Peace Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She also enjoyed playing cards, playing the organ at home and church, sewing, having her morning coffee, spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren who she loved playing video games with and having them stay on the weekends. She enjoyed her dogs, having Spitz growing up and later a white Jack Russell named Angel. She was known for skipping a meal and only eating dessert which was usually a piece of pie.

Funeral services for Carolyn will be held Friday, February 20, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. She will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Park after the services. A visitation for family and friends to gather will be held that day from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shop With A Cop or the Centralia Humane Society and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Carolyn's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Carolyn Wilson please visit our Sympathy Store.

Carolyn will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery, Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
2500 Old 51 Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801  
(618) 532-6122  
headsutherland@aol.com  
<https://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Jane Wilson*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - February 19 at 04:59 PM

VH

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers for/with family and friends!*

**Vickie & Wayne Houser** - February 21 at 07:33 AM

JS

“ *Jay Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.*



**Jay Smith** - February 21 at 12:43 AM

JS

“ *Jay Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jane Wilson.*

**Jay Smith** - February 21 at 12:43 AM

JP

“ *Jan Poehler lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jane Wilson*



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**Jan Poehler** - February 20 at 08:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.*



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February 20 at 10:02 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Jane Wilson.*

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February 20 at 10:02 AM

BB

“ *Brian and Linda Babbs purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.*



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**Brian and Linda Babbs** - February 19 at 08:53 PM

AA

“ Alyssa, Jake, and Mary Alice Albritton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.



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**Alyssa, Jake, and Mary Alice Albritton** - February 19 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ The Burkett Family's purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.



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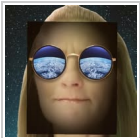
**The Burkett Family's** - February 19 at 03:59 PM

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“ My heart goes to everyone in the family, I will be forever grateful for Nini excepting me as part of her family. She was a tolerant and understanding soul, thank you for being a part of my life and my children's life too, I will always miss you. God bless.

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**Michelle Spears Johnston** - February 19 at 12:12 PM

DR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was such a loyal and giving person and will be missed by so many people whose lives she touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

David Rothschild - February 19 at 09:26 AM

PB

“ Robin, I'm so sorry for your loss of your mother. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family at this time! Godspeed



Peggy Myers Beal - February 18 at 10:39 PM

FP

“ From Klingenberg, Sabols and Pat purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Jane Wilson.



From Klingenberg, Sabols and Pat - February 18 at 10:01 PM