



Carol Stedman Kelien

June 25, 1949 - December 23, 2024

Carol Stedman Kelien passed away December 23, 2024, at the age of 75 after a brief battle with cancer. She was born June 25, 1949 in Albany, Georgia and a longtime resident of Frankfort, Kentucky. She retired in 2007 from the Personnel Cabinet where she made a significant impact on the lives of her coworkers and friends. Carol loved to laugh and her laugh was contagious to anyone who was nearby. She enjoyed music and never passed up an opportunity to sing karaoke. She had a pet name for anyone she met and treated complete strangers like family. Carol was beyond generous and genuinely loved people, which was clear the moment you met her. When she wasn't spending time with her beloved grandsons, she was looking at pictures of them and posting them for the world to see.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 45 years Ron Kelien; her children, Kelly Morris (Aaron), Jessica Byers (Nick), and stepdaughter Trena Seago (Mike); grandchildren Owen and Beau Byers; sister Suzanne Stedman DeLoach (Ross), brother Alan Stedman (Lori); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Carol is preceded in death by parents John Clay Stedman III and Frances Geraldine Stedman; brother Clay Stedman; and sister Janne Livings.

Visitation will be held at Evergreen Baptist Church from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2024. A Celebration of Life will begin at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Ricky Simpson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Evergreen Baptist Church in

Frankfort, Kentucky.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Baptist Church
2698 Evergreen Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ Carol was always smiling and the sweetest heart to work with. She was so kind and encouraging to new HR like myself many years ago. Her smile was contagious. Blessed to have known her.

Emily Wooldridge - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ Carol could make the bluest day turn sunny. That beautiful smile was always there. What fun we had in the early '70s when we took Kelly and Jimmy to the Florida beach. My condolences to the family.

Judy Beeler - December 27, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TM

“ Teresa Miner lit a candle in memory of Carol Stedman Kelien



Teresa Miner - December 27, 2024 at 08:35 PM

JB

“ Janie and Eric Butler purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Carol Stedman Kelien.



Janie and Eric Butler - December 27, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JL

“ *Jane Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Carol Stedman Kelien*



jane lancaster - December 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LL

“ *Carol was one of my mentors at my very first job with USDA/FNS in Atlanta. She was the most easy-going and sweetest people ever. My memories of her are of fun, laughter, parties, sharing Kelly with us and just being a superb human being.*

I remember going to Carol and Ron's wedding. I had just had a baby but would not have missed celebrating them for anything in the world.

My heart is broken and hearing this news is so very sad to me. Just know that Carol has left the earth is tragic, however, I am sure that the others in her family were happy to see her arrive in heaven. I can only imagine.

Lee Lankford - December 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM

BM

Ronald, Brenda and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife Carol. I believe we got to meet her at a couple of our class reunions. You and I go as far back as first grade together in Taylorsville, KY. We wish all the best to you and your family as you get thru these next few months.

Bill McAllister - December 27, 2024 at 07:47 PM

PT

“ Carol was the sweetest person. I got to know her when she worked in State Personnel. She was a great friend to me. Never met a stranger. She always had a smile on her face and would help you with anything. Loved her!!

Phyllis Thurman - December 27, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JL

“ I worked with Carol at USDA in Atlanta, and she was absolutely my Best Friend. I was with Carol at a work function when she met Ron, several decades ago. That was the beginning of a perfect match and a long and happy marriage and a growing happy family! I could go on forever about Carol, but her friends and family know special and impossible not to love, she was! She and Ron became very active in their Church and gave it their all, like they did everything in their lives. I'll miss and love you forever, Carol. My sympathy and love to your family, Ron, Kelly, Trena, Jessica, Owen and Beau, and your sister and brother. May God give you peace. Jane Lancaster

jane lancaster - December 27, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DS

'So sorry to hear about Carol's passing She was the first person I met when I started work at USDA more than 50 years ago. From Day 1, she was a hoot! So friendly, genuine, and dear. My wife Celeste and I carpoled with Carol for a long time, squeezing into our little Ford Maverick, laughing and sharing office tales all the way. Carol's laughter and positive nature were her greatest assets, and will be remembered by all who knew her. We wish her family the best.

Dan Strohl - December 27, 2024 at 04:14 PM

ST

Ron, so sorry to haer about Carol. You are in my thoughts during the wks to come

Shirley thomas - December 27, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ *Carol always brought a contagious joy to any room she entered. One of my fondest memories of my time at Personnel was singing karaoke with her.*

Dan Egbers - December 26, 2024 at 07:22 PM