



Carol Jean Gillaspie

October 13, 1931 - October 6, 2011

Carol Jean Gillaspie, age 79, of Albia, passed away Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Carol was born October 13, 1931 near Blakesburg to Ralph and Cora (Stocker) Tubaugh. She married Jerold Hiatt Gillaspie on March 2, 1951 in Belle Plaine, IA. They were blessed with two children, Jerold Wayne and Mark Hiatt.

Carol graduated from Blakesburg High School. She studied business at Kirkwood Community College. Carol worked for P&W Trucking Company, and the PMA office. She worked for the school system for 32 years as a teacher, secretary at the high school, and secretary of the school board, and also worked for a short period at H&R Block.

Carol attended the Open Bible Church in Pella and was a previous member of the World Wide Church of God, Master Gardeners, Retired Teachers, and was on the Cemetery Association Board. Carol was very active in volunteering for Prison Fellowship Ministries from 1998-2009 with the IFI Program. She loved working with the prison inmates and their families. Because of her volunteer work, she received a Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Vilsack. She enjoyed reading, history, supporting the FFA, and loved baseball. She also loved spending time outdoors. Family was everything to Carol. She enjoyed

spending time with and being supportive of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carol is survived by her husband Jerold Gillaspie of Albia; two children, Jerold Wayne Gillaspie and Mark Hiatt (Cynthia) Gillaspie; six grandchildren, Matthew (Amy) Gillaspie, Justin Gillaspie, Amanda (Joshua) Hoelzel, Gary (Melanie) Gillaspie, Jason (Danielle) Gillaspie, and Derek (Jennifer) Gillaspie; 17 great grandchildren, Tyler Hollier, Michael Gillaspie, Alexis Gillaspie, Lizbeth Hoelzel, Timothy White, Gregory Gillaspie, Joselynn Gillaspie, Colton Gillaspie, Carolyn Gillaspie, Edynn Gillaspie, Samantha Gillaspie, Taylor Gillaspie, Brandon Gillaspie, Rielly Gillaspie, Keegan Gillaspie, Jack Gillaspie, and Sydney Gillaspie; two brothers, Gerald and Larry Tubaug and a sister, Mary Haller; one spiritual daughter, Mickey (Terry) Pope; and two spiritual grandsons, Terrence and Jordan Pope.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Betty Israel.

Memorial services will be 10:30 AM, Monday, October 10, 2011 at Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Adam Goetzke officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia.

Visitation will be from 11 AM until 8 PM Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the funeral home, with Carol's family present from 4-8 PM.

An open memorial has been established in Carol's name.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Jean Gillaspie*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Carol Jean Gillaspie*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *What a joy it must be up in Heaven when Carol arrived! She was one of the bravest, most positive women I have ever known in my life. She had such a zeal for life and continued even though her discomfort for years had to be over the top for most of us. I loved volunteering alongside Carol in the Prisons! She was always faithful and sought after by the men for counseling and some just kind words in a cold and dry place. Her life was such a testimony of the Unconditonal Love of Jesus Christ! Carol walked in complete freedom, in love with her Creator and the Advent-ure He had for her life. She never missed a cue. What a blessing to have known her and see her once again completly healed and walking with our Savior! I rejoice in her life! Blessings to all her family. I am sure she will be missed so much by all you who got to share her daily life. Love you all, Lindy*

Lindy Grdner - Meridian, ID - Friend - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary, I am sorry for your loss of your Grandmother. She sounds like she was a wonderful person and very close to you and your family. She reminds me of my grandmothers, they where also very special people. Our prayers are with you, Tom and Debbie.*

tom walling - Oskaloosa, IA - co worker - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Carol was a good person. Good natured and I enjoyed working with her for a while one summer. She will be missed by all. Take joy in knowing she is with the Lord our God in heaven now.

Tammy Courtney - Oskaloosa - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ What we knew of and heard about Grandma Carol always painted a picture of an incredible lady. Please know that you're all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Joan and Larry Benda

Joan and Larry Benda - Cedar Rapids, IA - Carol's grandson Derek is our so - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your lost no words can help the pain so hang in there and things will brighten up it just takes time.

*Joe Egbert
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Joe Egbert - Lucas, IA - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are sending our deepest condolences and sympathy to your family. We so enjoyed the times we were able to spend with Carol. We frequently saw her at Newton IFI for several years. She was such a special person with a great sense of humor and a strong faith. She touched many lives in a very positive way over the years. With Love and Prayers, Betty and Marv

Betty and Marvin Katzer - Nevada, IA - Friends - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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