



Carolyn Marie Woodward

November 2, 1937 - May 25, 2026

Carolyn Marie (Cochran) Woodward, age 88, of Moravia, IA, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026, at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville, IA.

Carolyn was born on November 2, 1937, in Centerville, IA, to Lester and Edna (Farris) Cochran. She attended Moravia High School. She married her husband, Jerry Woodward, on May 21, 1955.

Carolyn was a homemaker and was a hospice volunteer for several years. She loved cooking, sewing, washing and ironing for her family and friends and sewed for many people in the area over the years. She started the first young girls' softball team in the early sixties. From 1972-1980, she had two women's softball teams winning several trophies. She was an NBA fan, especially of Stephen Curry on the Golden State Warriors, in her later years.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Rodney (Norma) Woodward of Moravia, Regina Barton of Oskaloosa, Ronald Woodward of Moravia, Renee (Dave Mowitz) Dalrymple of Indianola, and Rhonda (Brian) Walker of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren; siblings, Norma Thomas, Donna Romano, Alta (Gene) Daniels, Eddie (June) Cochran, and Theodore "Ted" (Shalise) Cochran; and special friend, Steve Mihalovich. Carolyn is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Woodward; her parents, Lester and Edna Cochran; a stillborn granddaughter, Marie; sisters, Judy Whitlow and Wanda Tomlin; a brother, James "Toot" Cochran, and sons-in-law, Fred Dalrymple and Mike Barton.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Moravia Grace Church with Carolyn's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Moravia Grace Church in Moravia, IA. Burial will follow luncheon at Main Station Cemetery in rural Moravia, IA.

A memorial has been established to Main Station Cemetery in rural Moravia.

Cemetery Details

Main Station Cemetery

Moravia, IA 52571

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Moravia Grace Church
101 E North St.
Moravia, IA 52571

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Lisa W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Marie Woodward.

Lisa W. - 7 minutes ago

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“ Carolyn was one of the kind. I enjoyed her stories and her friendship. She and Jerry came out to California to visit with Molly's mother (Wanda VanBenthysen) a few years back. My wife has always said Carolyn what's her second mother. May she rest in peace.

*John Kazmer
Moravia Molly's husband*

John Kazmer - 10 minutes ago

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“ Carolyn was a great neighbor. You would always see her looking out the livingroom window from her easy chair. Every evening when I got home from work, as I came back across the road from checking my mail, I would look at her big picture window and there was Carolyn waving and smiling.

When I would smoke meat or bake sourdough bread, I would take some over to her, she would always be grateful and want me to stay and visit for a while.

If she got too many eggs from friends dropped them off at her place, she'd call me up and want to share them with us. While her garden was in full bloom, she would send one of her children over with tomatoes or cucumbers.

Carolyn had a good heart and will be missed.

Ronnie Welch - 56 minutes ago