



## 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 Romanco, 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

# Previous 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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101 E North St.  
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# Tribute Wall

PP

“ Jerry and Carolyn were wonderful neighbors! Their children were our age. We had such fun. We knew that when we left home as adults that Mom had a guardian angel next door in Carolyn. We were blessed by the Woodwards in countless ways. Terrific neighbors, terrific friends!

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**Paula Dal Ponte** - May 30 at 10:31 AM

JS

“ My heart aches for all of Carolyn's family & friends, but I know she & my mom (Wanda) will be connecting and enjoying their friendship once again in heaven! Such a great mother, grandma, friend & overall "Rona Barrett" of Moravia--which nobody minded much because 1) everyone knew everyone else's business anyways and 2) Carolyn genuinely cared about other people and their troubles. Rest in peace, Carolyn! Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand! ❤️

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**Jolly Simmons** - May 28 at 11:30 AM

MK

“ When we first moved to Moravia Carolyn was the first to be-friend my mom and they stayed best friends through time and distance. Regina and I also became besties all through school. After my mom passed, Carolyn and I always stayed in touch and she became my main connection to my hometown and childhood memories. She always knew what was going on in Moravia! We would catch up on family news and talk about NBA basketball on a regular basis and I will miss her dearly.

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**Molly Kazmer** - May 27 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ John, Tom, Carolyn, Ron and Donna Beal purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carolyn Marie Woodward.



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**John, Tom, Carolyn, Ron and Donna Beal** - May 27 at 07:05 AM

LW

“ Back in 1970 we built in Westview when it was still in its infancy and Carolyn became our neighbor. She was the best!! She was made to take care of other people. I have never forgotten the accommodations Carolyn made with Alta and Gene to help me after my mother passed. That's a true friend with a heart of gold. LaDonna and I send our deepest sympathies to the entire family. You are in our prayers. She will be missed so much by so many. Lisa Corbett Wulff

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**Lisa Wulff** - May 26 at 08:22 PM

RD

Thank you for the tree in her honor Lisa.  
Renee

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**Renee Dalrymple** - June 01 at 06:30 PM

LW

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

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**Lisa W.** - May 26 at 08:10 PM

JK

“ 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

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John Kazmer - May 26 at 08:08 PM

RW

“ 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.

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Ronnie Welch - May 26 at 07:21 PM