



Carolyn Fox

July 19, 1933 - December 3, 2018

Carolyn Cleoria “Cleo” (Smith, Johnson) Fox, 85, of New Haven passed away on Monday December 3, 2018 at her new home in Fishers, Indiana. Born July 20, 1933 in Fountain County, Indiana the youngest of three children of the late Susanna “Suzi” Minnie (Catterson) and Earl P. Smith. She always had an uncompromising love of children and youth. She enjoyed an over 20-year teaching career within the Allen County school district at several elementary schools, where programs she developed, such as Space Camp and Cookie Factory, made learning exciting for all her students. She also developed a memorable program on humpback whales after receiving a prestigious grant from the Lilly Foundation that enabled her to join Marine biologists in Australia in studying these majestic animals. She was a Jubilee (50-year) member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne where she served as both a Deacon and an Elder and was very active in the Sunday School and youth programs chaperoning four youth caravans. Her strongest passion always remained her family. She is survived by her current husband Fredrick Fox; children Ethan Branduff, Aimee (Marshall) Galpern and Michael (Sheryl) Johnson; step-children Lon (Robin) Fox, Tracy Fox, and Jenise (Nick) Snyder; grandchildren Erinne (Chris) Westrop, Taylor Galpern, Jonathon Galpern, Kendra Johnson, April Johnson, Davis (Rye) Fox, Derek Fox, Nathan Snyder and Jessica Snyder; and one great-grandchild William Westrop; cousin Nancy (Robert) Stwalley and daughter Heather, sister-in-law Irene Smith and children Anita and Kevin. She was also preceded in death by her first husband Richard P. Johnson and her two brothers Guy and Jessie Smith. Funeral service is 3 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne with calling one-hour prior. Rev. Dr. Ann Epling officiating. Calling is also 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Harper’s Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E. New Haven. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to First Presbyterian Church or Indiana University Health Hospice, c/o Methodist Health Foundation. To share online condolences, go to www.harperfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Greenlawn Memorial Park

DEC

Public Viewing

03:00PM - 08:00PM

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Harper's Community Funeral Home

740 State Road 930 E, New Haven, IN, US, 46774

DEC

Funeral Service

03:00PM - 04:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church

300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN, US, 46802

Comments



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Carlabeth Mathias

Carlabeth Mathias - December 12, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ I was very fortunate to have Mrs. Fox for two years for both third and fourth grades at Southwick Elementary. She was such a great teacher and person. I was in her class during the Challenger disaster, and she was so strong and supportive in helping her students deal with that event. I will always remember her for the encouragement and guidance she provided to me and how strongly she believed in her students success. Goodbye, Mrs. Fox.
—Jason (Wilhelm) Cline

Jason Cline - December 08, 2018 at 09:47 AM



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Carlabeth Mathias - December 12, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ Fred and family,
Cleo was a wonderful friend and teacher. I was fortunate to be her classroom assistant her first year teaching at Deer Ridge Elementary. What an adventure...she made learning fun! Attached is a photo from one of her retirement celebrations. Some of us had taken her to lunch and hired a limo to transport her back to school. Cherish your memories of a special lady.

With sympathy,
Janinne Styborski



Janinne Styborski - December 07, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ What an awesome next-door neighbor! Michael and Tracy used to babysit my brother and I and we had so much fun living next to you all in Caribe Colony. We pray for God’s peace to comfort you. — Tim Dawson and family

Tim Dawson - December 07, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ Cleo was my daughter's fourth grade teacher at Deer Ridge Elementary. She was an amazing person and teacher. She always went the extra mile for the kids in her class. I was always so grateful that Victoria was part of her classroom. I am so sorry for her family. I hope that you find comfort in knowing she was loved by so many.

My deepest sympathy,
Pam Laurianti

Pam Laurianti - December 06, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ Cleo had her students sell flowers as an entrepreneur experience...lovely carnations. I loved getting those from my students. She was an excellent teacher and colleague and had a contagious laugh. I admired her a great deal. Rest in God's peace Cleo!

Chris Riley - December 06, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ Cleo was a bright light among many at Deer Ridge Elementary School. She was an educator of the highest order. Rest in peace. —John Flora

John Flora - December 06, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Lon, Mike, and Fred,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Cleo! I worked with Cleo for five years at Deer Ridge Elementary. Lon and Mike, not sure if you remember me, but when I was Marcia Gerber, I worked with both of you at Thursday's Child. Cleo was always such a vibrant, "perky" personality! I will never forget one year when a young college student came to school to observe Cleo. It happened to be Halloween and Cleo was dressed up as a dog. After meeting this young man, she handed him the leash that was around her neck and said, "Here, you can walk me for the Haalloween parade!" And he did! Cleo was always so upbeat and positive and I often bent her ear with my issues. She always listened!
May the memory of such a wonderful person as Cleo help you in your time of sorrow.

Marcia Flora

Marcia Flora - December 06, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fox.



December 05, 2018 at 10:34 AM