



## Carolyn Joyce (Comely) Brown

January 18, 1940 - March 21, 2026

Carolyn Joyce (Comely) Brown was born on January 18, 1940, in Eminence, Missouri. She was the daughter of Cordell and Ellen (Martin) Brown. Carolyn was raised in Grassy Hollow and graduated from Eminence High School.

Carolyn was united in marriage to Lester Brown and shared many lasting memories before his passing on March 1, 1994. She was the proud mother of daughters: Mary, Elizabeth, Debra, and Betty and son: Charles. Carolyn cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought her endless joy.

Carolyn lived a life rooted in faith, family, and compassion. She worked as a home health caregiver, where her gentle spirit and caring nature touched the lives of many.

Carolyn was known for her warm heart and playful personality. She had a special love for children, often sharing candy, hugs, and smiles with them. She enjoyed playing bingo, working on puzzle books, and reading romance novels. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she attended Grace Community Church.

Carolyn passed away on March 21, 2026, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of eighty-six years. She is survived by her daughters: Mary Ryffel of Forsyth,

MO, Elizabeth Braden of Maroa, IL, Debra Schaedel and husband Bobby of Higbee, MO, and Betty Mayer and husband Tom of Granite City, IL; son: Charles Brown of Salem, MO; brother: Donald Comely and wife Marlene; sister: Margaret Ard; a host of beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her loving husband: Lester Brown; son: Howard "Eugene" Piatt; and parents: Cordell and Ellen Comely.

Carolyn will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. Those who knew her will remember her as simple, stubborn, sassy, and a true firecracker.

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 30, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Carolyn Brown to Wilson Mortuary to help with final expenses. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 30.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



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**Wilson Mortuary** - April 06 at 02:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Carolyn Joyce (Comely) Brown*.

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March 30 at 11:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Carolyn Joyce (Comely) Brown*.



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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 30 at 09:02 AM