



Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber

February 1, 1966 - July 5, 2023

Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber was born February 1, 1966, in Waynesville, Missouri, to Elmer Ellis and Clara Fern (Legan) Watson. She grew up in Laquey, Missouri and graduated in 1984 from Laquey High School. Carolyn furthered her education at Drury University and obtained her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

On October 26, 1991, Carolyn was united in marriage to the love of her life, Robert Joseph Gerber. Together they shared thirty-one years of love, devotion, and lasting memories. Carolyn and Robert were blessed with three children: Joseph, and twins Megan and Joshua, and later adopted Shawn into their lives.

Carolyn enjoyed spending time with her family. She truly loved being a mother and an aunt. She was their biggest fan and proudly cheered them on and guided them through every obstacle. With patience, compassion, and tenderness she instilled strong moral values and taught them to always strive for the best.

Carolyn was a public servant and great asset to Pulaski County where she served in Childrens Division for twenty-eight years. She had a strong passion for protecting children and throughout her career made a difference in the lives of many foster children and families. Carolyn was the twenty-fifth division

circuit manager and very passionate about her role. She was a supporting team leader, wonderful teacher, and great mentor. She truly loved her co-workers as family and deeply cared for them.

Carolyn had a heart of gold and was a mother to many, often being called “Mama Gerber”. She was welcoming, warm, inviting, and always ready to greet you with a hug. She could light up the room with her vibrant and bright personality, infectious laugh, and great sense of humor. She always had a listening ear and was a rock to many.

Carolyn was a woman of great faith, encourager, giver, and mighty prayer warrior. She accepted Christ and was baptized in her younger years. Carolyn was a faithful servant and dedicated member of Buckhorn First Baptist Church where she served in many areas. She was a true inspiration, full of wisdom and love.

Carolyn entered into eternal rest July 5, 2023, with her family by her side, at the age of fifty-seven years. She leaves to cherish her memory, loving husband: Robert Gerber of Laquey, MO; children: Joseph Gerber and Erika of Laquey, MO, Megan Gerber of Springfield, MO, Joshua Gerber and Shiloh of Laquey, MO, and Shawn Mead of El Paso, TX; half-sister: Cynthia Harris of Montana; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death, parents: Ellis Watson and Clara (Legan) Watson-Bowden; brother: Andy Watson; uncle: Ralph Legan; and nephew: Noah Legan.

Carolyn leaves a beautiful legacy of love, kindness, courage, and strength. Her heart and smile that she shared was bigger than life itself. She was one of the best. Carolyn will be missed but will always be a shining light in our

memories.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Carolyn Gerber and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hazelgreen Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Buckhorn Baptist Church
26195 MO-17
Waynesville, MO 65583-3086
(573) 774-5329

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 1:00 PM.

Buckhorn First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Wilson Mortuary - July 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM

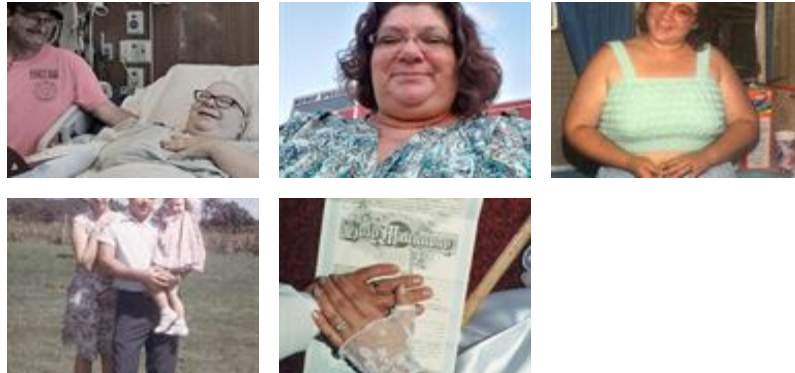
AB

“ Carolyn, I will miss your laughter and kindness. Thank you for all of the children and families that you helped over the years. You made a difference! You are greatly loved and missed, and will not be forgotten. Praying for peace and comfort for all of those that love Carolyn.

Ann Bockman - July 14, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ 163 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - July 14, 2023 at 05:55 PM

HE

She was my case worker when I was in foster care when I was little she is a wonderful and delight person I have ever known I will miss her deeply miss she's in a way better place that no one knows but will know when we meet up with her again love and miss u Mrs. CAROLYN thank u for everything u did in my life when I was younger

heather - July 15, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.



July 14, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.



July 11, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.



July 11, 2023 at 02:22 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.*



July 10, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Carolyn gave me my start in my career with Children’s Division she was caring and a great circuit manager. Her memories will live on forever. Condolences to the family .*

Colleen Garrido - July 08, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Carolyn's laughter, hugs and love for others will be greatly missed. She was full of compassion that inspires you to be better. I am forever grateful to have had you in my life. I will miss you my CM, my friend and my Momma Gerber!*
With love,
Shasta



Shasta Miller - July 06, 2023 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ Carolyn's laughter, hugs and compassion for everyone will be greatly missed! She was an outstanding human, truly cared for her staff in 25th Circuit and loved like nobody I have ever met. Her kindness was contagious. I will miss you my CM, my friend and our Momma Gerber!

Love,
Shasta Miller

Shasta Miller - July 06, 2023 at 06:23 PM



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July 06, 2023 at 06:15 PM

ST

“ Carolyn,

You were such a vibrant and bright personality. Your love for Missouri's Children and your staff will live on for years. You did so much good in this world. You will be missed.



Shawn Bentley and 37th Circuit Team - July 06, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Carolyn was a wonderful woman and I have absolutely enjoyed working with her through the years. She had a strong passion for protecting children and leading her team. When she talked about her family you could always feel the love she had for them. She will be greatly missed.

Jana Wyman - July 06, 2023 at 03:37 PM

AB

“ I did not know Carolyn well as we worked in different regions; however, on two separate occasions she was instrumental in assisting my Circuit with a child in crisis who was living in her Circuit. When i thanked her she stated it was part of being a team and no thanks was necessary. Her passion for the job, her team, and the children was very apparent. My heartfelt condolences.



Amy Burnett - July 06, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SC

“ Susan Bundy and the 32nd Circuit purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.



Susan Bundy and the 32nd Circuit - July 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber.*



July 06, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *I unfortunately didn't get to work with Carolyn much but what little I did was a great experience. She had a heart of gold and was ALWAYS available if I needed help. She will be greatly missed.*



Leata Shepherd - July 06, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Fern (Watson) Gerber*



Brenda Smith - July 06, 2023 at 11:41 AM



You will be missed my sweet friend. Bobby, Joe, Josh and Megan you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending heart hugs to you all.

Brenda Smith - July 06, 2023 at 11:46 AM

GF

Carolyn was a very good friend. Loved her very much I cared for her kids for years. She loved the Lord and her family very much. She'll be greatly miss. Love and prayers for all.

Love you all

Miss Gwen

gwendolyn freen - July 06, 2023 at 10:32 PM