



## Carolyn Rea Bays

March 30, 1930 - February 25, 2015

Carolyn Rea Bays, 84, of Bolivar passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare in Bolivar. She was one of 4 children born near Aldrich to Jones Polk and Ida Jewel Campbell. Carolyn and Earshel Bays met in Joplin, Missouri while Carolyn was working as a nurse and they were soon married. They moved to Canoga Park, California after their marriage returning to Bolivar in 1972. She is a member of the Fairview Methodist Church. Carolyn and Earshel owned and operated the Polk Store for many years and also owned the store in Aldrich. She managed the rental properties and did the bookkeeping as well. She and Earshel loved to travel and it seemed as though she kept her suitcase packed and setting by the door always ready to leave with a moment's notice. She enjoyed crocheting and especially watching the redbirds. She was a member of the Bolivar Red Hat club. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; brothers-in-law Raymond Roedder and Joe Hurst. She is survived by her husband Earshel; daughters Carolyn Rea Wilson and her husband Darrell of Halfway, Missouri and Cari Lea Vega and her husband Richard of Bedford, Texas; sisters Eloise Hurst of Mt. Vernon, Missouri and Virginia Roedder of Bolivar; brother John Polk Campbell and his wife Neita of Bolivar; grandchildren Mitchell Vega, Alyson Vega, Marcus Wilson, Kristopher Wilson, Steven Wilson; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Memorial services for Carolyn Bays will take place 1:30 PM Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Fairview United Methodist Church near Huron with Rev. Rex Warren officiating. Online condolences may be submitted

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Rea Bays*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Carolyn Rea Bays*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I always remember her as such a fun and happy person. My girls still remember going by your parents house during the holidays to see their amazing displays.*

**Dawn Hyder Shive** - March 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear (great uncle) Earshel and family, My sincere condolences to all of you. You're in my thoughts and prayers Love, Julia (daughter of Donald Bauer).*

**Julia (Bauer) Guerrero** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sweet Great-Aunt Carolyn :) I was the proud recipient of 3 dish towels she made. She was just Carolyn... beautiful smile, never turned anyone away for a meal and full of LOVE. I will miss her greatly. Sincerest Sympathies to Great-Uncle Earshel, Cari & Carolyn LOVE YOU ALL!*

**Lisa Hickman** - March 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Carolyn and family, first Polk Town Friends, fond memories, Will miss the Birthday exchange.

Sam & Bev Swihart - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss uncle Earshel. Carolyn was a sweet and kind lady.

Len Bays - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sandy Howell Stone - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ She was a very nice lady and treated me like she was my mother RIP

Dwight Roberts - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ She was always so kind to me when they owned the Polk store. So sorry for your loss.

Cathy (Greer) McNatt - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I have a lot of very special memories of Great-Aunt Carolyn. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. She is already missed. Prayers wrapped in hugs for her daughters... Cari & Carolyn & families. Love you all.

Lisa Hickman - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Christy Stewart Mills** - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Sorry for your family's loss. We will be praying for you.*

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**Stan and Pam Cook** - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Dear family of Carolyn, We did not know her but she raised a wonderful daughter, Cari Vega. We express our deepest sympathy and love to Cari and all the family. May you be comforted by all the wonderful memories of happier times. God gives us strength we do not know we have. God will continue to heal your broken hearts and you will unite again some day.*

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**Pam and Stan Cook** - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Marcie Churchman (Lowell & Frances Churchman's daughter)*

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**Marcie Churchman** - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Tom, Linda and Sydney Stroope** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *So sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. May she continue to shine in your memories.*

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**Kevin & Jeri Hubbert** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Dannie and Mary Jane Hubbert** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace in the knowledge of knowing your mom is now smiling down on you from her heavenly home. She was a special lady and will be missed.

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**Stephen and Libby Myrick** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Carolyn will be dearly missed.

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**Donna Sierp-Binns** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM