



Carolyn J. Ragsdale Buford

October 14, 1942 - August 21, 2018

Obituary

Carolyn J. Ragsdale Buford was born on October 14, 1942 in Kansas City, Kansas. She was the only child of Calvin and Laurel (Kennedy) Ragsdale.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Carolyn attended elementary through tenth grade in the Kansas City, Kansas School system. After tenth grade at Sumner High School she moved to Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Central High School in 1960. She attended college at Central Missouri State in Warrensburg, Missouri and Rockhurst college.

Carolyn met Luther in 1963, and they were married January 21, 1964 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She was an active member of St. Therese Little Flower Church from 1970 until her death.

Carolyn was employed in the Engineering Department of AT&T as an Assistant in 1963. She became a Computer Programmer in 1968. She later became a Supervisor at the Date Center, where she remained until her retirement in 1996.

Early in Carolyn's marriage, she enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with

Luther, her father and stepmother. She started being an avid RV'er in 1969 and continued to love it. In 1966, she joined NAARVA'national African American RV'ers Association" of which in 2004, she became the Regional Director, where she remained until 2017, the she became the National President. In 2001, Carolyn formed MOKan Roadrunners Camping Club, where she became a three times President. In 1996, Carolyn and Luther became "Snow Birds', spending their winters in Arizona and Southern Texas.

Carolyn had a love for technology and was extremely proficient with computers. She was always eager and willing to assist in helping anyone with computers.

Carolyn J. Ragsdale Buford leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Luther Buford; sisters-in-law; Lucille Kemp, Diana Haywood, Harriette Moody, Myra Lynn, Patricia and Cynthia Buford of Chicago, Illinois; brothers-in-law: Theadore and Gregory Buford, Allyn Moody, and Adrain Haywood of Chicago, Illinois; first cousins: Wanda Farrer of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Tommie Gay McCune of Lynchburg, Virginia and reginal Ragsdale of Reedville, North Carolina, and George Ragsdale of Palm Springs, California; and a host of nieces, nephews, close extended family and many special friends.

Funeral Service for Carolyn J. Ragsdale Buford will be held Wednesday, August 29, 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese Little Flower Church, 5814 Euclid Avenue.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

Interment, 12:30 p.m., Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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in memory of Carolyn J. Ragsdale Buford, please visit our floral store.

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JK

“ My heart is broken as Luther just called to tell me about Carolyn's passing. She was a remarkable person, one that will always be in my heart! I loved working with Carolyn at AT&T in Kansas City in the early 1990s. She had such a wonderful impact on my life and career! I love you CJ and I will see you again!

Jenny B. Kern - September 06, 2018 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ Having met Carolyn and Luther in 1999 while joining NAARVA, Carolyn was always a bright light and encouraging. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her. Luther our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mike and Pam Hollimon - August 29, 2018 at 10:03 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing, Our Heavenly Father came and made a house call and took Carolyn to the pearly gates, it was always a joy chit chatting with you at work 63rd st, rest in peace my sister, Davida M. Lomax AT&T co-worker.

Davida M. Lomax - August 28, 2018 at 02:05 PM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on August 27, 2018 With Deepest Sympathy.

Expression of Sympathy - August 27, 2018 at 06:53 PM

GS

“ I send my condolences to Luther. I certainly will remember her emails that had anything to do with her serving as the Central Regional Director for the National African American Rver's Association and they were plenty and early in the morning. May God give you peace and comfort.

Gloria J. Shelton - August 27, 2018 at 06:36 PM

CO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. May she rest in peace. I worked with and for Carolyn in the Data Center Coyle O'Dell

Coyle O'Dell - August 27, 2018 at 03:31 PM