



Carol Kirvan

December 7, 2021

Carol Marie Kirvan, 64, of Potterville, a nature lover, friend to everyone and the person many went to for help, died Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in Lansing. Carol was born on December 21, 1956 in Lansing, the daughter of Duane Harris and Doris Ruth (Feyerabend) Kirvan. She graduated in 1975 from Hill Community High School in Lansing and earned her Bachelor of Science from Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie in 1979. Carol worked as a florist at Frandor Kroger for eight years before starting in 1990 with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, until her retirement in 2020. She held many positions within MDARD during her 31-year career, including the State Laboratory, emerald ash borer program, nursery inspector and pesticide inspector.

Carol grew up in Lansing and moved to Potterville in 1996, where she was embraced by the community. She had friends all over the world from her travels. She had one state left to visit and was hoping to complete that soon. She was well-known for her huge assortment of hats and vests and was hardly ever without one. She had many interests and hobbies, including bird watching, canoeing, reading, traveling, pontooning, cooking and getting down on the floor to play with her many nieces and nephews. She enjoyed volunteering for numerous organizations including Relay For Life of Charlotte. She was on the Potterville Benton Township District Library Board, was a PBTDL Friends of Library member, was district president of the Lutheran Girl Pioneer Council and helped with bingo at the Eaton Senior Center. She looked forward to helping cook each summer at the Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Camp in Wisconsin and as was a lifelong member of Emanuel Lutheran Church of Lansing, where she also taught Sunday School.

Carol is irreplaceable and her family now has a huge hole, but are so thankful to have enjoyed her for so many years. Many will miss her sense of humor, as well her ability to keep everyone laughing.

She is survived by her loving sisters and brothers: Denise Smith of Baldwin; David and Norma Kirvan of Livonia; Cathy Cox of Clark Lake; Nancy and Mark Schafer of Charlotte; and Eric and Kelly Kirvan of Roy, Utah. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews

who will miss her dearly: Sara and Rusty Fullerton, Godson Duane Smith, Dustin and Laurie Schafer, Amber Kirvan, Jessica and Garrick Kirvan Eakin, Goddaughter Shelby and Tyler Royston and Adam Kirvan; great-nieces and nephews: Jada, Jazlynn, Jenna-Ann, Avery, Lacey, Dean, Claire, Kennedy and Breslin; and great-great niece: Serenity; many cousins and special friends.

She is predeceased by her parents Duane and Doris (Feyerabend) Kirvan; nephew Christopher Markus Kirvan (Furryman); great nephew Brayden James Royston; brothers-in-law Steven Smith and Monty Cox; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and her very special aunts Margaret and Rosie and uncles Don and John.

If you are able to help us celebrate her life, please wear a hat, vest or Hawaiian shirt to honor her fun-loving spirit. Memories may be shared on Carol's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Pray Funeral Home with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2021 at the funeral home. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Carol's tribute, then click on "Photos and Videos" from your computer (or "Media" from your smart phone). Memorial contributions are suggested to the PBTDL Friends, Lutheran Girl Pioneer Council or the American Cancer Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4108 Old Lansing Road
Lansing
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

DEC 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Carol Kirvan



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 10, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Kirvan



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 10, 2021 at 02:55 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Carols passing. I went to Hill with Cathy and Carol, we had also discovered we went to Kindergarten together. I just watched the videos, how blessed we are to have this technology. Hugs to Cathy and the entire family. ❤️

Teresa Miller - January 30 at 09:17 AM

JZ

“ I knew Carol over the years as an MDARD co-employee. She was a good-hearted person and always kind, even when she was suffering through hard times. Peace and blessings be with Carol, her family, and her friends.

Jeff Zimmer

Jeffrey Zimmer - December 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM

KF

“ Carol was a lot of fun. I always enjoyed my interactions with her and was hoping to have more. She was a great lady and is sorely missed.

Kay Fritz - December 14, 2021 at 08:09 AM

LH

“ Carol was a former Sunday school teacher to all my children at Emanuel Lutheran Church. They all adored her and she made Sunday school fun for them. I did not know her well but I will miss her smiling face and her presence at the Emanuel church services. Carole was always active in many of the church activities and she will be deeply missed!

Lynn Hoeksema - December 13, 2021 at 03:36 PM

GD

“ Carol, was very important to my childhood. She was my favorite, (hands down) babysitter! Always went away with a smile after a interaction with her. She was always the greeter at the door of my best friends house. She would always speak in queens English, or some prestigious manner. Send me to Eric's domicile(room), or tell me he awaits in the dungeon(basement). I am sure she had no idea of the pleasure she gave me in my young life. She was one of a kind, and the nicest person, I had the privilege of having in my youth. An Angel.



Greg Downs - December 12, 2021 at 08:32 AM

BV

“ Brian Verhougstraete lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Brian Verhougstraete - December 11, 2021 at 01:23 PM

MY

“ Carol was a wonderful lady! She was sweet and kind. She was always there when I spent time with her family and was a joy to be around! Also, she could rock a hat and vest! My thoughts and prayers are with her family! Love you all
❤️!!



Marissa York - December 11, 2021 at 10:40 AM

ER

“ Eric lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Eric - December 11, 2021 at 09:36 AM



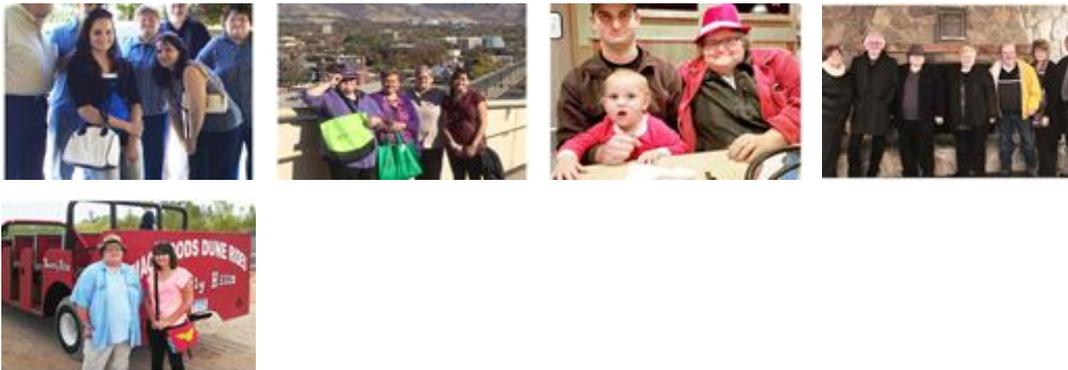
“ Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.



December 10, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM

RH

“ Ronnie and Rhonda Howard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol Kirvan.



Ronnie and Rhonda Howard - December 10, 2021 at 12:15 PM

KF

“ Kaedyn, QuiAna & the Ruffin Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Kirvan.



Kaedyn, QuiAna & the Ruffin Family - December 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.



December 09, 2021 at 06:45 PM

RT

“ Carol will be missed by so many. Family, friends, neighbors and so many people in not only Potterville and Michigan, but many other states as well. Her passing leaves a vacant seat at the Potterville-Benton Township District Library that will be so, so difficult, if not impossible to fill. Her willingness to help in so many ways to keep the Library open, and an inviting and a fun place to utilize was a goal she worked tirelessly to accomplish. After working with Carol for many years on the Library Board, as well as having many interesting and informative conversations with her, I will miss her immensely and I am honored to have had her as a fellow Library Trustee and a dear friend. I will miss her smile, her laugh and her insightful thoughts. Well done Carol and God Bless and comfort your family.

Randal Tooker - December 09, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LP

“ Carol trained me when I was a brand new inspector with MDARD and then was my lead inspector after that. We spent a lot of time together driving through the Irish Hills and talking about our families, interests, her travels, and everything in between. I could always count on her to help me when I needed it, I called her often and she was always patient and kind. I was so happy for her when she retired, but sad for me because she was truly my best work friend. She will be greatly missed, my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and community.



Lindsay Patrick - December 09, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.



December 09, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.



December 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM

AB

“ *Ashley Baker lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan*



Ashley Baker - December 09, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.



December 09, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Carol's family. We shared many hours of enjoyment working the Bingo games at the Charlotte Senior Center. She will be missed.*

Marilyn Briggs - December 09, 2021 at 11:37 AM

AF

“ So sorry for Carol's family. She was such a ray of sunshine every time I saw her at the lab. She always remembered to ask about my son even though she'd only met him once as a youngster. She always had a smile and a joke to share. I always enjoyed running into her throughout the community as well. Her beautiful soul will be greatly missed.

Arina Ferdig - December 09, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AF

“ Arina Ferdig lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Arina Ferdig - December 09, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TM

“ Tammy Martin lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Tammy Martin - December 09, 2021 at 10:33 AM

TM

“ I worked with Carol at MDARD-PPPM-Pesticide Section ever since I was hired in 2003. She was so nice and always made a point to come visit me when she was in CON HALL. She was a wonderful person, was always smiling and was always in a good mood. I remember her telling me she was looking forward to spending lots of time with all her nieces and nephews when she retired just last year. She will be missed by so many. My heart felt sympathy goes out to all her family. Big Hugs. Tammy Martin (Friend & Co-Worker)

Tammy Martin - December 09, 2021 at 10:33 AM

KB

“ With all our great cousins, it's hard to pick a favorite person, but Carol was certainly special and unique in many ways. No one could wear a hat with such panache and I don't think I ever saw the same hat twice.

In the early 1980's, Carol traveled with my sister, brother-in-law and myself to help them move to Texas in January. We stopped at a hotel in Beaumont, Texas where the swimming pool looked pretty inviting. Carol stuck her hand in and told me it wasn't too cold, so I put on my trunks and dove in. It was COLD! I tried to get someone else to jump in as well, but I couldn't keep my teeth from chattering while trying to persuade them that the water wasn't very cold.

After I got my shivering blue body back out of the water she informed me that she may not have been the best person to test the water as she had spent the summer working with lake trout at Lake Superior State and was used to sticking her hands into cold water. We had a good laugh about it later, and I remember accusing her of deliberately waiting to tell me about her insensitivity to the cold water until after I was in. It's been an off again on again joke between us for many years.

Carol's passing leaves a big hole in the circle of cousins!

Ken

Ken Black - December 09, 2021 at 10:17 AM

SC

That would have been January 29, 1981. I remember that incident! It was funny--one of the few things that made me laugh during my bout with pregnancy illness!

Sue Clark - December 09, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ Carol was a co-worker, but also a friend and acquaintance through the regional Lutheran youth activities group. She could always be relied on to listen and provided measured, practical, and sage feedback. She was taken too soon.

Jeff Frostick - December 09, 2021 at 10:10 AM

EO

“ To meet her, you became an instant friend. Always smiling.



Elaine O'Neil - December 09, 2021 at 10:00 AM

EO

“ Elaine O'Neil



Elaine O'Neil - December 09, 2021 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ I always enjoyed when Carol came into the office. She was always so cheery and had a way of making me smile every time I talked to her. She had a very generous heart and touched the lives of so many. My sincerest sympathies to her family and all who knew her.

Jen Eyde - December 09, 2021 at 09:48 AM

KW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. My thoughts are with you.

Karen Wilcox - December 09, 2021 at 08:25 AM

KS

“ Carol was a blessing to our Pioneer Michigan district program; always ready with a craft or activity. So glad to have had these past years with her at archery camp. She was a blessing to us while we had her, now she is being blessed at home with her Savior. May you feel our loving Savior's love surround you with His comfort. Krista Scharrer,

Krista Scharrer - December 09, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ I was privileged to have Carol on my Staff at LGP camp for 13 yrs, She was a joy to me and all those she worked with. So sad to lose her so soon. Joann Janssen

Joann Janssen - December 09, 2021 at 07:10 AM

JN

“ My sincere sympathies to Carol's family. I worked with Carol within theLGP program for many years. She was always so upbeat, willing to help and witness her faith. She will be missed.

Jalaine Naumann - December 09, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ *Linda Frederick lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan*



Linda Frederick - December 08, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Kirvan.*



December 08, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Carol was a wonderful person with a huge heart. She always had granola bars and would share them with me, so I wouldn't get "hangry" at meetings. She always had a story about her family and loved to share pictures of everyone. I enjoyed hearing about her travels and talking about books with her. Thoughts and prayers to all of her family. Nicole Cairns*

Nicole Cairns - December 08, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Mary Lynn Buehrly lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan*



Mary Lynn Buehrly - December 08, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *I didn't know her long, but liked her from the start. I'll miss her jokes and the way her eyes sparkled after she'd tell one. Pleasure working with Carol...*
-Jess Pruett

Jess Pruett - December 08, 2021 at 07:29 PM

DW

“ Dear members of carol's family. I worked with Carol in the MDA Pesticide section. Carol was a wonderful person and I always enjoyed our conversations. We shared a love of books and as I am a Friend of Peter White Public Library in Marquette we always discussed ways to raise money for our libraries. Carol will be greatly missed by her MDA family. David White

David White - December 08, 2021 at 04:33 PM

PR

“ Peggy Ross lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Peggy Ross - December 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Carol Kirvan



Chuck Brandon - December 08, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ Dear members of Carol's family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We vividly remember when Carol stayed with us while searching for a job after she got her degree. It was a lot of fun having her here. In recent years, we've only managed to meet up with Carol once a year (if that), but whenever we saw her, we came away from the meeting feeling like it had been a really good visit.

Fred and Sue Clark, Rachel Duplechain, and Andrew Clark.

Sue Clark - December 08, 2021 at 03:17 PM