



## Caroline Sue Hinckley

July 27, 1945 - November 24, 2014

Caroline "Carol" Sue (Defrates) Hinckley, 69, of Charlotte, died peacefully surrounded by her family at home on Monday, November 24, 2014. Carol was born July 27, 1945 in Charlotte, MI, the daughter of Samuel Gordon and Margaret Jean (See) Defrates. She worked in several capacities in the area, earlier as a bartender, cook and waitress at the Blinkerlight in Potterville. She also worked at Eaton Manor before going to work for Peckham in Charlotte as a seamstress, retiring in 2010. Carol loved Christmas and Elvis, especially decorating in Elvis style for the Holidays. Carol and her husband, Dan, were daily walkers at ALIVE and loved to bowl, where many enjoyed Carol's friendship and feisty personality. Above all, Carol loved her family. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Dan Hinckley; daughters, Barb (Chris) Perry of Lansing and Debbie (Jeff) Schultz of Vermontville; step-children, Tony Hinckley of Arkansas and Melissa Poletti of Arizona; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild and another on the way; siblings, Beverly (Richard) Vincent, Judy Schultz, Cheryl Defrates, Darryl (Judie) Defrates and Kevin (Jan) Defrates; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Joseph Gordon Defrates, nephews, Rick Soules and David LaPratt and granddaughter, Mackenzie Hinckley. Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 28, 2014 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Rob Schneider officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2014, just prior to the service. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALIVE. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, it's been 9 days since you passed and for me it still feels like yesterday. My body is moving forward but my heart is at a stand still because it's broken into a million pieces. I miss you so much and I love you more and more with each passing day. You are my best friend and I don't know how to move on knowing you will no longer be a part of my life. You were such a big part of my existence. I am grateful that you are no longer in pain or suffering but now I am suffering and in pain. I think about you everyday and you are always on my mind. My heart is broken and you are the missing piece but I know it will never be fully whole again but I will always keep you close. Maybe someday that void can be filled but I don't see how when you are gone forever. R.i.p. my sweet, beautiful Mama. I love you forever. Until we meet again...Love your Daughter Barb

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**Barb Perry (daughter)** - December 03, 2014 at 09:27 PM

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“ Thinking of you, Dan. Sorry to hear of Carolyn passing. We are out of state. Joe and Beatie

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**Joe and Beatie Burger** - November 28, 2014 at 06:37 PM

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“ Dan and Family, What a pleasure it was getting to know Carol when you both would come and walk at AL!VE. She was such a fun loving person and always had a smile on her face. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Kim

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**Kim** - November 26, 2014 at 07:46 AM