



Karole Lee Bartlett

November 23, 1946 - October 14, 2025

Karole Lee Bartlett, 78, a lifelong resident of Charlotte, died on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Karole was born on November 23, 1946, the daughter of Leland Wendel and Jean (Riddle) Oberlin. She graduated from Charlotte High School in the class of 1964, proudly was an honor roll student and a member of the band. Karole had a career in finance and retired from Carters IGA. During retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her husband. They spent their winters in Florida with many couples from Charlotte, forming their own little community. Karole was a very proud mother, but an even prouder grandmother. She never missed a chance to share a picture and brag. Karole was known for the love of a good game, whether it be sports, bingo, or cards. When not playing bingo, she could be found glued to the TV during any sporting event. She proudly cheered for the Detroit Lions! Whether it be a scratch off, card hand, or a Sunday football bet, she played with heart, humor, and hope.

Karole is survived by her sons, Shane (Dawn) Bartlett and Eric (Angela) Bartlett; niece, Tina Jo and her children; grandchildren, Makkena, Cameron, Aubrie, Briley, Hunter, Jordan, Aaron, Kaylie, Collin, and Miranda; brothers, Geoff (Diana) Riddle and Dale (Amber) Wendel; sister, Denise Riddle; and cousin, Donis Osborn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy G. Bartlett; daughter, Paula Orel; grandsons, Joseph Orel and Quentin Bartlett; sister and brother-in-law, Barbra and James Rieben.

Friends are encouraged to support Karole's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your loss. Karole and I were in band together both in the baritone section. Nice gal.

Karen Rambadt - October 19, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JW

“ Karole and I played trombone together in CHS senior band. I always appreciated her sunny attitude. Sounds like she continued on as one of the nice people. Rest easy Karole. John Whiting

John Whiting - October 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM

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“ Karole was a one of a kind gal. She was tough when needed and always loving when it came to her family. A good friend to Dale and I as well as our sister in law. Many happy times at Thorneapple river campground, rides in the evening on the pontoon, fishing on the Great Lakes. Florida was great fun bingo with the gals going to lunch, flea markets and playing dominoes and lots of cards games. I love Karole and will always remember her fondly. So play cards and bingo to your heart's content Karole give my brother a hug for me!

Carol Garvie (Sissy) - October 17, 2025 at 07:37 AM

BY

“ Karole was my first boss out of high school at Carter's home office. She was my office mom and she had a big heart. I have so many fond memories of Karole. She will be greatly missed.

Bobbi Youngs - October 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM

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“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

ECHRS - October 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Karole took me under her "mom" wing when I worked at the Carters IGA office when I was just out in the working world.*

I loved her as a mom. I've missed seeing her since she moved out of Kiwanis.

Thoughts and prayers of peace to the family.

Rest in peace Momma Karole ❤️❤️❤️

Jackie Hammond - October 16, 2025 at 02:09 PM