



Carol A. Bridgewater

July 26, 1946 - March 9, 2018

Carol A. Bridgewater, 71, passed away at 5:29 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018, in Parkway Manor in Marion, with her husband at her bedside.

Carol was born July 26, 1946 to Harold M. and Esther M. Morris (Taylor) in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Carol married Donald Bridgewater on August 30, 1969 in Our Saviour Catholic Church in Jacksonville, and they have been married for forty eight years.

Carol is survived by one daughter, Kelly (Michael) Olson; one brother David Morris (Drew Whittaker); two grandchildren Andrew J. Olson and Olivia K. Olson; brother-in-law Bud (Jenny) Bridgewater; sister-in-law Cathy Bridgewater; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Ron Bridgewater.

The one thing that made Carol the happiest was visiting her grandchildren. They were the light of her life.

Carol graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1968 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Education. In 1972, she received her master's degree in Guidance and Educational Psychology. Carol taught math and science in the

Murphysboro grade school system for thirty years. She began teaching at Orchard Hill School and finished at the Middle School.

One of Carol's most enjoyable moments in her teaching career was working with Mike Jones on the Middle School's 6th Grade archaeological dig on the John A. Logan Museum property. She truly loved teaching and working with the students.

Carol started the Red Hat chapter "Red Hat Mamas of Murphysboro". She always looked forward to the monthly lunches with the members.

Carol was a huge SIU Saluki Basketball fan. She and her husband made trips to Syracuse, Oklahoma City, Indianapolis and San Francisco to watch them play in the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. She was a big fan of Mike Reis and listened to almost every radio broadcast of home and away games.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. and the entire staff at Parkway Manor, most notably the CNA's, for their care of Carol.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in St. Andrew Catholic Church, with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018, at Pettett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew School, John A. Logan Museum, the Murphysboro Food Pantry or Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Don-I’m sorry this is so delayed. So sorry to hear of Carol’s passing. I thought of the two of you often over the years. You were both such an inspiration to many. Thinking of you and sending love.
Jamie, Ryan and Gia Ericson

Jamie Ericson - April 05, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Carol A. Bridgewater

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

SD

“ Don, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Carol from my childhood. I will hold you in my hear and prayers.

Susan Keim (Chester Hager's daughter) - March 20, 2018 at 08:41 PM

JK

“ Don, Kelly and family,
We just heard about Carol's passing and are so saddened. We all were blessed to have had her in our lives-such a lovely person and friend. What wonderful memories we will always cherish. Prayers,
John and Jan

John and Jan King - March 20, 2018 at 05:07 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss. Carol was a special lady and a great help to me with her help at track and cross country meets. Our prayers are with your family.

Mark Bullock - March 20, 2018 at 10:24 AM

BR

“ Don, we are so sorry about Carol. She was such a special lady and we are so glad we got to meet her. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

Bob and Cathy Russell

Bob and Cathy Russell - March 19, 2018 at 01:59 PM

MR

“ Condolences to Carol's family and friends. I was honored and humbled by the reference to her love for Saluki Basketball on the radio in the obituary. I know she'll still be listening and cheering for the Salukis. Prayers for the best for all.

Mike Reis - March 19, 2018 at 11:02 AM

MM

“ I was heart broken to hear of Mrs. Bridgewater's passing. She was one of the reason's that I became a teacher. I was just asked this year about someone who inspired me and her name is on my list. She instilled in me a passion for teaching and education. I loved learning from her. So I knew I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. She will forever be in my teaching heart. I thank God that she was a part of my life.

Michelle (Ebersohl) Mieger - March 18, 2018 at 10:27 PM

DS

“ we were blessed to have the honor of knowing carol...she was the sweetest lady...Don and Kelly you are in our prays

Den and Tish Saylor - March 17, 2018 at 12:07 PM

DS

“ *Don, we are so sorry to hear about Carol. She was such a lovely person and always seemed have a smile on her face. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!*

Gib and Debbie Snyder

Debbie and Gib Snyder - March 15, 2018 at 08:45 PM