



Carolyn Ray Allen

December 31, 2025

Carolyn Ray Allen, 73 of Pennsville, New Jersey passed away after a long heart illness with her family by her side on December 31, 2025.

Born 1952 in Paducah, Kentucky, she was the eldest child of the late Ray and Doris Penix. Carolyn graduated from Christiana High School in 1970. She raised her daughters on her own until 1985, when she found her true love and married the late Philip Allen II (Kip) and were married for 28 years. She went on later to graduate from Salem Community College where she began her nursing career and worked for over 35 years helping many patients before she retired. Carolyn was a strong, loving woman who taught her two girls to be independent. She loved getting together with family and friends which was known to be her best blessing in life. Carolyn was an avid book reader who spent her days reading the next new book diving into the stories and telling her daughters all about them! Carolyn's favorite holiday was Christmas and was blessed to have a wonderful one with her family before she passed away.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by her brother Randy Penix, and her beloved grandson Ryan Hoffman. She is survived by her children, Lisa Hoffman (Duke) of Pennsville, New Jersey; Kimberly Drabold (Harry) of Hockessin, Delaware; and Adam Hartsough (Lisa) of Carney's Point, New Jersey; Grandchildren Seth Hoffman (Jill) of

Pennsville, New Jersey; Haylie and Kameron Drabold both of Hockessin, Delaware; Dana Deyulis of Carney's Point, New Jersey; and Erica Hartsough of Bear, Delaware; her sister Joan Duffitt (David) of Dover, Delaware; and her best friend and "sister" for over 35 years having fun on "milk and bread runs" Francine Straughn of Pennsville, New Jersey.

Services will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, 369 Georgetown Rd., Carney's Point, New Jersey. Memorial visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by Mass at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at Lawnside Cemetery immediately after Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association <https://www.heart.org>.

Cemetery Details

Lawnside Cemetery

Rt. 40
Woodstown, NJ 08098

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel the Archangel
369 Georgetown Rd.
Carneys Point, NJ 08069

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Carolyn was a true friend and will be greatly missed. Thankful to have know her all these years what a kind hearted caring and compassionate friend. We both were nurses and cared for the geriatric community for 35 years she gave her all to each and every person she met. She was my best friend and will be surely missed. Thank you for your friendship all these years.



Francine Straughn - January 10 at 02:13 PM

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“ Mommy, I remember you dancing and singing while cleaning on Saturday. You made sure we knew the oldies and goodie's. You were a great mom, you never let me down at anytime. Always there no matter what. I'm going to miss you but knowing you are with bubba, Kip, nana and pop and the rest of the family. It puts me at a small ease. Please keep watching over us. I love you to the moon and back mommy

lisa - January 07 at 11:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ray Allen.



January 05 at 07:24 AM

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“ I am so heart broken to see this. I was her cleaner and friend. I had just talked to her the day before. Prayers to her family and friends...she loved you all. I will miss our talks. ❤️

Sandy Cooper - January 04 at 07:22 PM