



Carol Routt Caldwell

June 25, 1949 - January 15, 2022

Carol Routt Caldwell, 72, passed peacefully from this life surrounded by her family. Carol was the third child of Covert and Wini Routt of Sonora. After graduating from East Hardin High School in 1967 she attended Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky. After graduation she tried teaching 5th grade and enjoyed the experience but took the opportunity to take a job at Ft. Knox at better pay. While working there she met Mike Caldwell, a lieutenant from Texas and they were married November 28, 1975, and moved to Texas where he farmed with his father. Carol was a teacher, teaching both Special Education and Art during her career. She first taught at G.C. Burkhead in 1971, then as an Education Specialist at The Armor School at Ft. Knox, then in Texas at schools in Pampa and Amarillo before returning to Burkhead in 1977 until retiring in 2000. Retirement didn't suit Carol so she returned to teaching part-time at Burkhead until 2001 when she returned to full-time teaching at Lincoln Trail until 2008. She then taught at Morningside 2008-2012 when she became a regular substitute teacher for both Lincoln Trail and Morningside until she did retire in 2019 after nearly 40 of teaching in public schools. Carol loved animals and combined her love of teaching with her love of horses and operated an Equine Therapy program for special needs students for several years. Survivors include her husband, Mike, and their two sons, Drew (and Carol's adored daughter-in-law, Monica) of Saratoga Springs, New York and Zac of Glendale. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Bill Routt (Marilyn), his two children and their three grandchildren. She is survived by Jim (Donna) of Sonora, their two children and four grandchildren, and David (Toni) of Greensboro, North Carolina, their two children and two grandchildren. She will also be missed by the 21 grandchildren of Mike's six siblings and numerous Special Friends all across America. She would prefer that any memorials be spring bulbs to be planted in her flower circle at their new house on Mud Splash Road or donations to The Friends of Hardin County Animal Shelter. She chose to be cremated and a memorial service will be scheduled this spring when her friends can gather and tell the stories of her life and scatter her ashes on the hillside where her horses are buried .

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Carol Caldwell was so much energy. She shared her cooking, especially chocolate chip cookies. She was an artist and helped students of many ages. I recall her when the Caldwell family went New Mexico. There were so many activities, but Carol was the first one on a horse and saddle. She has Scottish blood in her, and she went to see where ancestors were. She was smiling for days. Carol had a bucket list, and one thing in it was to hold a baby tiger. She found a place to do that in Florida. And she took me with her. She gave the Caldwell family fun and surprises. We learned that Carol wa a mermaid. Let her in a pool and she is grinning from ear to ear. Mike, Drew and Zack as well as who knew Carol Jean miss her presence.

Judy Caldwell Ashcroft - March 01 at 08:54 AM



“ Michele Arsenault lit a candle in memory of Carol Routt Caldwell



Michele Arsenault - January 22 at 11:44 PM

DC

“ I was sorry to learn of Carol passing. I have such sweet memories of her and family as grew up in Sonora and attended Sonora Baptist Church.
Dorothy Miller Castro

Dorothy Miller Castro - January 18 at 01:09 PM

GP

“ George & Janie Pennington lit a candle in memory of Carol Routt Caldwell



George & Janie Pennington - January 17 at 12:21 PM

AB

“ *Andrea Billings lit a candle in memory of Carol Routt Caldwell*



Andrea Billings - January 17 at 11:20 AM

PN

“ *Patricia Nunn lit a candle in memory of Carol Routt Caldwell*



Patricia Nunn - January 16 at 09:06 PM

CS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Carol at LTES during her years subbing there. She is a special person who cared about so many! She often brought us delicious cookies and made our days brighter. Will miss the conversations from the porch while doing landscape at her house.*

Chad Sweeney - January 16 at 08:32 PM

RD

“ *Rachel Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Carol Routt Caldwell*



Rachel Daugherty - January 16 at 08:18 PM

MB

Mike.Zac and Drew. So sorry to hear about Carol. I remember you guys with amber and Josh having fun at Corrines and always liked comparing stories of the days happenings with Carol. Those were good memories and she was a great person .
Mavis Barnes

Mavis Barnes - January 18 at 07:15 PM

CL

*Dear Mike, Drew, and Zac,
I am so very sorry to hear about Carol's passing. She was such a good friend and roommate when we taught together at G.C. Bulkhead together from 1973-1975. I moved back to Henderson, KY to marry in October of 1975 and you all married in '75 also! I have so many wonderful memories of her kind heart, her infectious laugh, her ability to put anyone at ease, and her amazing meals!! She definitely made those first two years for a brand new music teacher a lot more enjoyable!
Mike, if you wouldn't mind, could you let me know when you plan to have the memorial service? I would love to attend.
Much Love, Cherry B. Liles (270-577-2735)*

Cherry Liles - January 19 at 01:42 PM

PL

*“ It was a blessing to me to be in the presence of Mrs. Caldwell at Lincoln Trail. I volunteer there.
God grant peace & comfort to her family. She touched so many lives, being a positive influence.*

Peggy LaRue

Peggy LaRue - January 16 at 07:51 PM

LS

“ Carol was one of a kind! She was my teacher at GC Burkhead back in the 70s, and I worked with her at Lincoln Trail Elementary. She touched so many lives and was a very special person. 🙏🏻✝️🌈

Laura Snyder - January 16 at 07:18 PM

BS

“ Mrs Caldwell was a truly generous and loving teacher. She taught me Art as a young child and I've never forgotten those experiences. She worked to make the world a more beautiful, just, and equitable place.

Bethany Stiles Shearrow - January 16 at 06:53 PM

ME

“ I had the pleasure of riding horses with Carol and when she did therapeutic riding, I got to volunteer to work with the children along side her. She taught me a lot and I enjoyed learning how to help others with her guidance in riding. RIP

Melissa - January 16 at 05:59 PM

SR

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of this sweet lady while she was hospitalized with Covid. She was also special to me because she used to be my art teacher. I'm glad I got to talk to her and share with her how her career impacted my life. I'm glad she's at peace. I'm so sorry for her family's loss. Please know she loved you guys and spoke about you guys the whole time I took care of her. Very sad news to hear

Spring Robinson - January 16 at 05:40 PM

LK

“ Carol was a beautiful, gentle soul and will be greatly missed. Sending our prayers and sympathy to Mike and her entire family. May God bless, comfort and bring peaceful healing to you all.

~ Wanda Bennett, Leah and Jeff Karger



Leah Karger - January 16 at 05:13 PM

DF

“ Carol was such a sweet lady and came to sub at Panther Academy. She was always a bright light with always had such a positive outlook on things. RIP Carol.

Doug Frederick - January 16 at 04:33 PM