



## Carey Burke Smith

May 25, 1954 - July 15, 2024

Carey Burke Smith of Manassas Virginia passed away Monday, July 15, 2024. She was born in Buffalo New York on May 25, 1954, and moved to Virginia in 1977. Carey was a city of Manassas schoolteacher at Weems, Haydon, Jeannie Dean, Round, Mayfield, and Mets for over 30 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Gloria Burke, and her sister Beth Ann Burke. She is survived by her brother John Paul Burke of Waxhaw, North Carolina; her husband Leo C Smith; her sons Ryan Jackson of Centreville, and Kevin (Rosa) Jackson, and her grand-Bubbies Jordan Clark and Mason Jose Jackson. Carey was a loving wife, beloved Mom and Grandma. She was fiercely passionate about her family, and loved to travel, have fun, help others, and volunteer her time. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the macular degeneration foundation Inc. P. O. Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053 or at ([www.eyesight.org](http://www.eyesight.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Carey and I began teaching together in 1977 at Weems. Two fresh out of school 1st grade teachers. Carey was always fun and funny. Loved the NY accent. I was fortunate to talk to her at Mayfield during a Veterans’ Day event. Glad to catch up for a moment. I’m very sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers are with her family. God give you strength to handle her passing. Sincerely, Pam (Cramer) Belch

Pam Belch - July 31, 2024 at 06:16 PM



Thank you Pam for relating your memories of Carey, and you prayers for the family. Leo

Leo Smith - September 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

DR

“ So shocked & saddened to hear that we’ve lost Carey. She was always willing to help at American Legion Post 219 in Fruitland Park, FL ... & was looking forward to more times helping with events. Carey, RIP ... til we meet again. Leo .. big hugs from Diane & Chuck Rousseau.

Diane Rousseau - July 23, 2024 at 10:24 AM



Thank you Diane, I haven't been on Carey's Obituary for a while so I didn't see these notes.

Leo Smith - September 13, 2024 at 01:42 PM

YA

“ *Your neighbors on Park Ave purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



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**Your neighbors on Park Ave** - July 20, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



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July 20, 2024 at 06:10 PM

EV

“ *Erin Valliere purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



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**Erin Valliere** - July 20, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



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July 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM

RF

“*Robbie, Tina Harrington & Hunter Flesher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.*

Robbie, Tina Harrington & Hunter Flesher - July 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM

NT

“*Nick and Liz Taverniti purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



Nick and Liz Taverniti - July 20, 2024 at 08:20 AM

JB

“*Jim & Jan Brock purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



Jim & Jan Brock - July 20, 2024 at 04:54 AM

WL

“*Leo, with a heavy heart, I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your wife, Carey. May the memories of Carey help you find peace and comfort during this time and in the days ahead.*

Willie Lacy - July 19, 2024 at 01:54 PM



*Thank you Willie, I haven't been on Carey's Obituary since the funeral so I didn't see your words of condolence.*

Leo Smith - September 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JJ

“ I'm sorry for Mr. Leo and deeply saddened to hear this. I had the pleasure of speaking with his wife frequently on the phone when I supported Mr. Leo in the Front Office at the Pentagon, and formally met her during his retirement ceremony. We talked about how she was actually a teacher at the elementary school and middle schools that I attended in Manassas - both Weems Elementary and Jennie Dean Middle School. My sincerest condolences and thoughts go out to Mr. Leo and his family.

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**Jarre James** - July 19, 2024 at 12:45 PM



Thank you Jarre: I hadn't been on Carey's Obituary since the funeral, I am glad you got to meet my amazing wife last year, I'm glad we were working together at the end of my Career. Take care and best of luck with your future.

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**Leo Smith** - September 13, 2024 at 01:46 PM

LR

“ Love Don and Pam Regenbogen purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carey Burke Smith.



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**Love Don and Pam Regenbogen** - July 19, 2024 at 12:41 PM

LR

“ Love Don and Pam Regenbogen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.

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**Love Don and Pam Regenbogen** - July 19, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ Leo, Ryan, Kevin, Rosa, and grand-bubbies -- Michael and I are so deeply sorry and offer our condolences on losing your sweet wife, mother, and grandma. Carey brought a special light to the world around her and we will miss her very much.

With love,  
Sheila Zieser

Sheila - July 19, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JS

“ Leo, my deepest condolences on the loss of your wonderful wife and best friend. I only had the opportunity to meet Carey twice but knew immediately she was a wonderful person and the two of you had a deeply loving relationship. I am so sorry. I know how profound this loss is for you and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jennifer Swanson - July 19, 2024 at 08:47 AM



Thank you for your note and prayers, I haven't been on Carey's obituary since before the funeral, so I didn't know you reached out. This has been a very trying time for me.

Leo Smith - September 13, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ Leo,

I'm very sorry to learn of the passing of your dear wife. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Wishing you the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart forever.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Revell (formerly Washington)

Tracy Washington - July 18, 2024 at 07:41 PM



*Thank you Tracy for the kind words of sympathy, I didn't know until today they were posted on Carey's obituary.*

**Leo Smith** - September 13, 2024 at 01:52 PM

PF

“ *Purdy family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Carey Burke Smith.*



**Purdy family** - July 18, 2024 at 07:10 PM

ML

“ *Mary L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.*

**Mary L.** - July 18, 2024 at 01:17 PM

CC

“ *Carol C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.*

**Carol C.** - July 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JG

“ *Steve and I are sending our condolences, Leo. As you know, we have many fond memories of our times together. I have the most precious memory of a hilarious story and time spent with Carey. I will never forget her.*

**Joanie Gehringer** - July 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM



*Thank you Joanie for sharing your fondness of memories with Carey and I, please know that we both reminisced about hanging out with you and Steve. Luvs ya!*

Leo Smith - September 13, 2024 at 01:55 PM

VC

“ Victoria (Vicki) Smith Crews purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carey Burke Smith.



Victoria (Vicki) Smith Crews - July 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM

VC

“ Victoria (Vicki) Smith Crews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.

Victoria (Vicki) Smith Crews - July 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Carey Burke Smith.



July 17, 2024 at 11:42 AM

SW

“ Steve and Roxanne Wells purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Carey Burke Smith.



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**Steve and Roxanne Wells** - July 17, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Carey Burke Smith.



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July 16, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ Jeannette and Walt Morgis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carey Burke Smith.

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**Jeannette and Walt Morgis** - July 16, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ *My dearest and best friend ever! You will always be in my heart sweet Carey.*

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**Paula Kreib** - July 16, 2024 at 08:10 PM

DS

“ My wife Diana and I are very shocked and saddened by Carey’s sudden passing. We enjoyed many many good times with Carey and Leo and we’ll miss her very very much.  
Leo, if there is anything at all we can do for you please give me a call, or even just to go grab a beer or two....

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**Doug Snably** - July 16, 2024 at 07:27 PM



Thanks, Doug and Diana the next few months will probably be extremely tough on me and I may take you up on your offer.

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**Leo Smith** - July 18, 2024 at 07:08 PM

RS

Leo,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy. We were shocked to learn of Carey's passing. May happy memories of time spent with her bring you comfort at this time. Please reach out if there's anything we can do to help.  
Sincerely,  
Rick and Linda Schantz

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**Richard Schantz** - July 18, 2024 at 11:00 PM