



## Carolyn Burns

June 5, 1951 - June 20, 2011

### Carolyn Kriss Burns

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Carolyn Kriss Burns of Manassas, Virginia, died June 20, 2011. She is survived by her husband Gerald P. Burns of the home, three children; Wendi M. Banther of Manassas, Kathleen M. Burns of Richmond, Daniel P. Burns of Gainesville, one grandchild, Haley Verrilli-Banther of Manassas, her father, Daniel W. Kriss of Gainesville and one brother, Raymond K. Kriss of Centreville. She was predeceased by her mother, Julia Kriss and her twin brother Danny Kriss. Carolyn was born in Arlington and raised in Herndon. She attended Radford University and began her professional career teaching physical education at her alma mater Herndon High School. In 1975 she made a career change by joining the Fairfax County Police Department. Carolyn served the police department honorably for a number of years until the demands of child rearing precluded both parents from serving in law enforcement. She remained associated with the police department on a volunteer basis and served as President of the Police Wives Club. She then returned to the teaching profession joining the Manassas City Schools as a physical education teacher at Grace E. Metz Middle School.

Carolyn was known for many personal attributes, including her love of life long learning, her positive attitude, her faith, and her kindness to others. She successfully pursued advance degrees at Virginia Tech, changing disciplines

to teach English, and was continuing to work toward additional advanced certifications at the time her latest illness was discovered. She was an eleven year Breast cancer survivor and supported research efforts to identify a cure for cancer. Carolyn was very active in and a former President of the Manassas Kiwanis Club and always sought to help other people. Her faith enabled her to remain optimistic that she could tolerate the treatments and overcome the latest bout with cancer. She was a Sunday school and Vacation Bible school teacher at her former church, Westover Baptist Church. She will be missed by many different communities.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, June 24, 2011 from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. at Pierce Funeral Home 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA, 20110

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Grace Life Community Church, 9560 Linton Hall Road  
Bristow, Va. [www.gracelifecc.org](http://www.gracelifecc.org)

Interment will occur immediately following the service at Stonewall Memorial Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, VA

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either Cure Pancreatic Cancer, Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714 ([www.lustgarten.org](http://www.lustgarten.org)). or to support Kathleen Burns in the Susan G Komen, 3-Day for the Cure walk, ([www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org)) - link to "Donate to a Participant" - Kathleen Burns.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *What can be said? Nothing will lighten your heart break at this time. We only hope that in time the wonderful memories will bring smiles and laughs to your lives again. Carolyn will always be with you in your hearts and souls. Praying for all of you -- Jerry, Wendi, Kati, Danny and Mr. Kriss.*  
*Love, Janet and Sam*

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**Janet and Sam Ellis** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

MH

“ *I will miss you and all the kind words you said to us at the door.*

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**Margaret Harris** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

KL

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Mrs. Burn's passing. She was one of my Middle school PE teachers. I have such fond memories of her being such a sweet and kind woman who always had a smile on her face. She has touched so many lives and I am so very sorry to see that hers as been cut so short. My prayers are with her family during this difficult time.*

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**Kim Lemus** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

TF

“ Katie, Randy and Family,

*I know this is a hard time for you but remember our thoughts and prayers are with you and you are in our hearts. Try to remember all the good times. It seemed to help me when my Dad passed.*

*All our Love,*

*Teresa, Rusty, Colin, Austin and Justin*

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**Teresa Cassiday and Family** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DG

“ *It is so sad to hear of Carolyn's illness and passing. I have fond memories of the time we worked together in the Fairfax Police Public Information office. Carolyn was intelligent, caring, joyful and funloving. She was a dedicated wife and mother who took great delight in her family. While I regret not keeping in touch with her over the years I look forward to renewing our friendship in Glory.*

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**Debra Woodworth Godwin** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

JJ

“ *To Katie and Family,*

*We wish you peace through this difficult time; and know you are in our thoughts.*

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**Jenn & Jason** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

PH

“ Carolyn was such a sincere and kind individual. Her faith in God was unshakable and her leadership led so many to Christ. I was a member at Westover and was a friend of Carolyn. I too was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 and she was such an inspiration and support to me as I recovered from the treatments. It was so comforting to joke with her about our "chemo brain" issues and laugh together as only survivors understand. She always spoke of her love for her family and her church. The last time I saw her was when she stopped by on her motorcycle with Jerry to drop off "pink" M&M's in a huge jar just to say she kept me in her prayers! She was an awesome woman!! My prayers are with your family now as you grieve your loss but know she is with her heavenly father and at peace.

*kindest regards,  
Paige Haynes*

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**Paige Haynes** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

EO

“ We met Carolyn and Jerry before the marriage of our children, Wendi and Eric, and found to our delight that we had much more in common than we knew. We are saddened to have lost a dear friend so soon after meeting and share our heartfelt condolences to all who loved Carolyn. Her good works will continue in heaven.

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**Ed and Debbie Orf** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

AV

“ Carolyn was my client, and an amazing woman. Always a pleasure to work for, and had an AMAZING sense of humor. Carolyn always challenged my creativity as an artist and opened me up to new ideas. May she be blessed always and rest in peace.

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**Aymee VanDyke** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ Words cannot say how profoundly sorry I am about Carolyn's passing. I remember her as a beautiful, "tall", athletic, graceful, sweet friend. We had a great majorette squad and she will be missed. Love, Adrienne

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June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM