



Carol Ruth Petrie

October 13, 1939 - August 11, 2018

Carol Ruth Petrie, age 78, of Decatur, AL, died August 11, 2018, after a year of declining health. She was raised in Colden, NY, the daughter of a Lutheran minister. Parents Arthur and Dorothy Kleindienst instilled in Carol values of service to others, love of God, industry, and thriftiness.

Carol married fellow Valparaiso University student Bernard J. Petrie in 1958, and was a long time resident of Munster, Indiana where Barney practiced law. She suffered the tragedy of early widowhood at age 44, but was supported by a close circle of friends.

In 2009, she relocated to Decatur, Alabama to be closer to family. Starting over in a new community can be difficult but Carol demonstrated her usual fortitude, and found a loving home at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church where she admired and participated in their community outreach programs. She also volunteered for other organizations, including the Community Free Clinic-Decatur. Carol enjoyed reading, gardening, and cooking for others. She lived her life as the phrase she included in every dinner prayer, "Help us to help others." Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard J. Petrie, and great-grandson, Austin Cook.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane Korellis (John) of Livermore, CA, and Sandy Harris (Scott) of Montgomery, AL; one son, Scott Petrie (Janice) of

Town Creek, AL; three grandchildren, Josh Jones of Madison, AL, Jenny Monarch of Battle Creek, MI, and Henry Korellis of Livermore, CA; two great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Cook and Ben Jones; and two sisters, Dorothy Pohlman and Virginia Puschek.

Memorial service will be Thursday, August 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Beatty officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to Committee on Church Cooperation, or the Wesley Memorial Garden Fund or Family Ministry Fund.

The family would like to thank the members of Wesley Memorial for their support and friendship to Carol, especially during the last difficult year.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort be with you and give you the strength to cope with your loss.(2 Corinthians 1:3,4; Isaiah 40:29)*



Danielle - August 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss, will be thinking of you and your family during this sad time*



Mary Kyker - August 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM