



## Carol Annette Coynor

September 16, 1951 - September 17, 2016

Carol Annette Clark Coynor was born on September 16, 1951 in Lancaster, CA to Mona Mae Wittmeyer Clark and Arthur William Clark. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus called Carol to her Heavenly Home on September 17, 2016. She is survived by her daughters Katherine and Elizabeth Coynor and her brother David (wife: Tammy) Clark. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mona and Arthur Clark.

Carol was the second of two children born to Mona and Arthur Clark. As a child she attended the prestigious Westlake School for Girls in Beverly Hills, CA. (now Harvard-Westlake Girls' School). Following graduation she attended the Cal Western Campus of the United States International University in San Diego, CA where she earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in 1972.

In 1970, while volunteering as a "Rainbow Girl" with the local USO, she met John L. Coynor of South Carolina while he was on leave with the US Navy. After some time Carol proposed to John! They were married on June 24, 1972 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in John's hometown of Summerville, South Carolina. They were blessed with two beautiful daughters: Katherine Margaret born in 1982 and Jennifer Elizabeth born in 1990. Both continue to reside in South Carolina.

In 1985 Carol purchased a 20% share of Craftsman Publications, a small publishing house in El Paso, Texas. She became the sole owner-publisher of The Texas Sports Guide in 1992 when her business partner, Eugene Towne

died. With the assistance of long-time friend and employee, Cindy Smith, Carol wrote and published, *The Coaches' Wife's Survival Guide* which was filled with simple recipes for busy wives of coaches as well as humorous tips. "Coaches' wives buy band aids by the crate and they get to check the homework of not just one student, but the whole team!" In 1998 she sold *The Guide* to business associate, Len LoPresto. Carol then became the Director of The California High School Football Coaches Association Directory, a position she held until her death. Carol spent countless hours on the phone and computer, verifying the phone numbers, addresses, and other information for the various high schools published in *The Directory*.

Carol moved to Bakersfield, CA in 2003. She joined Bethany Lutheran Church in April of 2004. Pastor James Tyler, his wife Billie and the members of Bethany became Carol's "family". Carol was a gifted "crafter of words" and was very proficient using computer programs. She was truly in her element when she was busy writing copy, editorials, etc. She designed and brought to completion the 50th anniversary web page for Bethany in October 2012. She handled the church's phone directory, carefully updating the information each year to keep its members' current information available. In addition, she was the chairperson of the Bethany Prayer Chain ensuring prayer requests were quickly shared with the other "Prayer Warriors" of the Chain. Carol faithfully carried out this duty until our Lord called her Home.

During Carol's recent illness, she was cared for by her dear friend, Tony Alonzo who was with her at the time of her passing. Carol knew that she was going Home to Heaven soon after being diagnosed with metastatic cancer. A final wish was granted when her daughter, Katherine, phoned Carol on her birthday, September 16, 2016. Her brother David Clark and his wife Tammy had a chance to say 'goodbye' to Carol shortly before our Good Shepherd Jesus took her home to Heaven. With the help of her dear friend Tony and the staff of ProCare Hospice Carol's wish to die peacefully in her home was accomplished on September 17, 2016. Carol is now in God's awesome presence!

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church, 900 Day Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308. Donations may be made to the Bethany Memorial Fund in Carol's memory.