



## Mrs. Carolyn Shank

November 26, 1945 - March 26, 2021

Carolyn Shank, 75, of Thonotosassa, Florida, entered into her Heavenly home on March 26, 2021. Carol was born on November 26, 1945 to Charles and Edna (Claville) Young. She was raised and educated in Tampa and graduated with the class of 1964 from Hillsborough High School. She then joined the United States Marine Corps, where she met the love of her life Chuck Shank. They were married on December 27, 1965 and raised their family in Joliet, Illinois where they lived until their retirement in 1997. Upon retiring, they returned to Florida and built a beautiful home in Plant City where they lived until Chuck's death in 2014. Carol then moved to her current home which is on the family property in Thonotosassa. Carol was an active member of Dover Advent Christian Church where she served as Deaconess. She loved her family and faith, and enjoyed traveling. She cherished returning to Illinois several times each year to visit her grandchildren and great-granddaughter for a "Granny Fix". She also looked forward to planning and traveling with the 4-Ever Young Sisters on numerous sister trips and cruises all around the world. Carol left the world a better place by continuously giving of herself to anyone who needed assistance, she always had a smile for everyone and lived her life bringing joy, encouragement and laughter to all those who knew and loved her.

A woman of unending faith, she is rejoicing in Heavenly reunion with her husband, her parents and her sister, Shirley Williamson. She was adored and is survived by her children, Joe (Missy) Shank of Coal City, Illinois, and Tony

Shank of Polk City; her cherished grandchildren, Ryan (Katie) Shank, Tyler (Alyss) Shank, and Jacy Shank (fiancé, Kasey Kaiser); great-granddaughter, Rayna Kay Kaiser and a great-grandson expected in June of this year; siblings, Louise (Larry) Houston, Joy (Tony) Lehtola, and Charles (Nancy) Young; and brother-in-law, M.C. Williamson; numerous nieces, nephews and dear life-long friends who she considered extended family. A celebration of Carolyn's life will be held Wednesday, March 31 at 3:00 P.M. at Dover Advent Christian Church, 14202 Downing Street, Dover, where the family will receive family and friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Graveside committal to follow at Mt Enon Cemetery, Plant City where she will be laid to rest along side of her husband. The service and committal will be live-streamed at [Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). Expression of condolence at [hopewellfuneral.com](https://www.hopewellfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Enon Cemetery

3702 North Frontage Road  
Plant City, FL 33565

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Dover Advent Christian Church  
14202 Downing Street  
Dover, FL

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dover Advent Christian Church  
14202 Downing Street  
Dover, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Shank



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 02:34 PM

RD

*Beautiful.*

Robert Doyle - April 10, 2021 at 11:17 PM

VB

“ Veronica Bercaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Shank



Veronica Bercaw - January 30, 2022 at 07:18 PM

VB

“ I just want Carolyn up above to know that I miss her each and every day. I'm finally coming to terms that you're gone, that you've left me. I couldn't ask for a better friend than I had in you my dear friend. I love you!

Veronica Bercaw - July 26, 2021 at 03:22 PM

EW

“ So lucky to have known this beautiful lady, even if it was for a short time. Such a kind, welcoming and lovely person with such a great sense of humor who has left this world way too soon. She was loved by so many including myself and will always have a special place in my heart.  
Love you,  
Emma



Emma Walker - April 02, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 31, 2021 at 10:18 AM

DK

“ Our sympathy to all of Carolyn's family and ones that loved her.

*She was a very kind, loving, generous person that was always helping someone with whatever problem they had at the time. A very loyal friend and strong family woman.*

*She will be missed by so many and in so many ways.*

*You are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, we will see her again.*

*Harry and Donna Kelley*



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**donna kelley** - March 30, 2021 at 11:53 PM

BD

“ Carol was such a beautiful lady and person inside and out. A cousin by marriage but a sweet, loving, caring friend by choice. I will miss our little chats on FB messenger and family picture sharing. 💕

*Sweet memories and that beautiful smile will live on in the hearts of her children, family and all who had the blessing of knowing her.*

*May God Bless each of you with peace and comfort, as only He can do. We love you all. Brenda and Charles Durham*

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**Brenda Durham** - March 30, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



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March 30, 2021 at 09:22 PM

KC

“ Aunt Carol, you were always so kind and loving to us all. You will be greatly missed! Love, Mike and Karen

Karen Collins - March 30, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



March 30, 2021 at 05:36 PM

TF

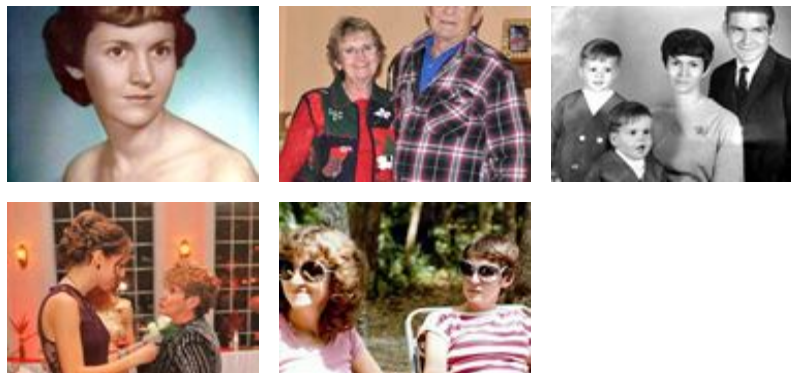
“ The Lilek Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



The Lilek Family - March 30, 2021 at 04:21 PM



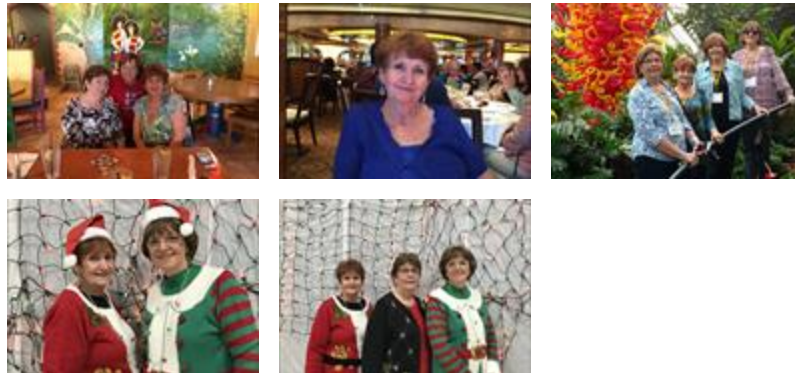
“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 02:32 PM

MS

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Missy Shank - March 30, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



March 30, 2021 at 12:41 PM

VB

“ Veronica Bercaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Shank



Veronica Bercaw - March 30, 2021 at 10:51 AM

VB

I miss you my friend. I love you and you will always hold a very special place in my heart 🌸

Veronica Bercaw - March 30, 2021 at 10:53 AM

VB

*Still missing you like crazy! I think of you every day. Please know that you were loved and still are 🌸*

**Veronica Bercaw** - June 26, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.*



March 30, 2021 at 09:16 AM

MS

“ *12 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Missy Shank** - March 29, 2021 at 10:06 PM

MS

“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Missy Shank - March 29, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



March 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



March 29, 2021 at 12:23 PM

HG

“ Harold and Georgette purchased the Pretty Pleas  
e for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



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**Harold and Georgette** - March 29, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



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March 29, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.



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March 29, 2021 at 11:01 AM

PD

“ So sorry for your loss. She will truly be  
missed. Prayers for the family.



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**Pam Dunn** - March 29, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.*



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March 28, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Shank.*



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March 28, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Aunt Carol was the best. I will never forget some 24 or so years ago going to my first family function with my then boyfriend, Carol's nephew, Tim. He forwarned me of her and that by the end of the day I would be told that I could "stay out from under the rock or go back under it". Aunt Carol's decision. I was so happy when I was told I could stay out. 23 years later, I lost the love of my life and don't know that I could have made it without her help. She always showed me so much love and guidance and for that I will forever be grateful. I love you Aunt Carol and will always have a hole in my heart where you belong. Say hi to Tim for me.*

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**Laura Williamson** - March 28, 2021 at 04:29 PM

BB

“Carolyn was my dearest friend and a dear friend to Bill as well. It will be hard to go on without her in our lives, but she would want us to move forward. She had two great sons and an awesome “daughter”. She was loved by all who knew her. My heart is broken and our hearts go out to Carolyn’s family and friends. I will miss my sister-in-heart!



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**Bill and Veronica Bercaw** - March 28, 2021 at 03:47 PM