



## Carol Ann DeFries

December 9, 1965 - August 12, 2021

Carol Ann DeFries, age 55, of Francesville, formerly of DeMotte, Indiana passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Northwest Health-Porter. She was born December 9, 1965 in Harvey, Illinois, the daughter of Eugene and Evelyn (nee Packingham) Davis, both deceased.

Carol graduated from Thornwood High School, Class of 1984 and attended Prairie State College, Class of 1986 for dental hygiene. She married the love of her life, Dr. Kevin DeFries, who survives, on August 15, 1987 in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Carol enjoyed gardening, especially taking care of her flowers. She enjoyed reading fictional books and loved caring for her family and grandchildren enormously. Carol was passionate about her job as a dental hygienist and worked for Dr. Castor, DDS in Remington for over 28 years. She also previously worked for Dr. Pampel, DDS and Dr. Balvich, DDS. Carol was a kind spirited, loving, mother, wife, sister, and Aunt and will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and co-workers.

Carol is survived by her loving husband, Dr. Kevin DeFries; children: Matthew DeFries of Jacksonville, NC; Angela (Sam) Madson of Kentland, IN; Mark DeFries of Westville, IN; 2 grandchildren, Logan and Nolan Madson; and sister, Ellen (John) Terpin of Cumming, GA.

Friends and family may visit on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Grace Fellowship Church of DeMotte from 2:00 until 8:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at Grace Fellowship Church with Pastor Tim Hester officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, Tunnel to Tower Foundation, or Riley's Hospital for Children.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grace Fellowship Church  
1424 8th St SE  
De Motte, IN 46310-9058  
(219) 987-7763

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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1424 8th St SE  
De Motte, IN 46310-9058  
(219) 987-7763

# Tribute Wall

NC

“ *My heart is broke and I am in disbelief of Carol's passing. She was my hygienist for as long as I can remember. She was so gentle at her profession and one of the most kind people I have ever met. She loved her family very much and always asked about my family and my sisters when I was in her chair. I will miss her so much. My deepest sympathy to her husband and her children, & grandchildren.*



*Nancy Care*

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**Nancy Care** - September 20, 2021 at 12:29 PM

KS

“ *Kim Schuetzenhofer lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



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**Kim Schuetzenhofer** - September 18, 2021 at 02:29 AM

SR

“ *Carol was the reason I went to the dentist regularly. Her kind heart was always apparent as she talked with me as she did her work on my teeth. I know I was just a patient, but I truly am saddened by her passing, and grieve with you. I am praying for the whole family whom she often spoke of with love and joy.*

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**Susan Rosenwinkel** - September 15, 2021 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ Jim And Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries



Jim and Sandy Miller - August 24, 2021 at 02:59 PM

LF

“ I am devastated to hear the news of Carol's passing! We went to high school and graduated together in 1984. Carol was the most gentle and kindest person you could ever meet. Carol's smile warmed your heart! I have never met a more beautiful soul than Carol Davis! God Bless and be with you my friend. Rest In Peace



Leda Fedor - August 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM

CV

“ Christine Verthein lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries



Christine Verthein - August 18, 2021 at 03:33 PM

SS

*Dearest Kevin  
Odd how time passes. Carol always reminded me of a sweet angel. I remember seeing you both share a love that many seldom find. I know of two people that will always be there for you as they are your true friends, my heart goes out for them also. I have lost touch so no longer have numbers to reach out, however my brother know that you are kept in prayer.  
Steve and Linda Strandberg*

Steven Strandberg - August 19, 2021 at 08:54 PM

KB

“ I did not know Carol at all, but Kevin, I was shocked to hear this news. I've enjoyed having you as my chiropractor and sharing stories of our kids. I feel for you and your children so bad. You will be in my sad heart.  
Karen Brunton.

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**Karen Brunton** - August 18, 2021 at 02:20 PM

DT

“ May this family find comfort in God during this time of pain and loss!

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**doris treadwell** - August 17, 2021 at 09:11 PM

SE

“ When through one woman a little more love and goodness a little more light and truth come into the world...then that woman's life has had meaning. May God help you to have peace in beautiful memories. Sue Evans

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**Sue Evans** - August 17, 2021 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ Disbelief is putting it mildly. I worked with Carol at Dr. Groh's in south Holland. She was beautiful inside and out. She was always so kind spirited no matter the circumstances. My condolences to your family. Char Paulton

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**Char Paulton** - August 17, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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August 17, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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August 17, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Bill & Tonia Alter purchased the Country Basket Bouquets for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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**Bill & Tonia Alter** - August 17, 2021 at 07:27 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*

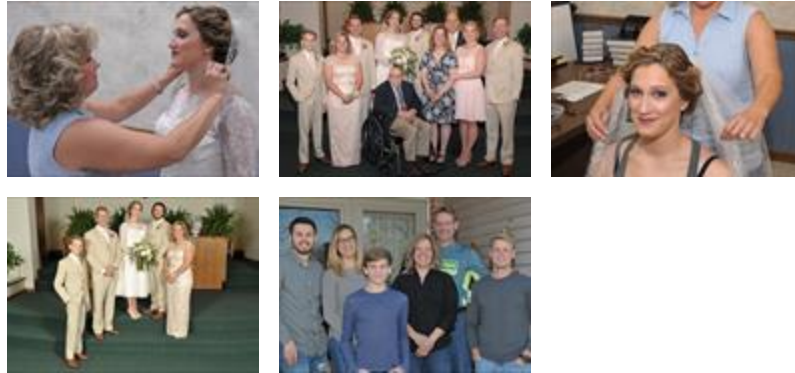


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August 17, 2021 at 02:36 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Martin DeFries** - August 17, 2021 at 01:43 AM

KK

“ *Kathy Kirchschlager purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



**Kathy Kirchschlager** - August 16, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



August 16, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *Charmin Marshall lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



Charmin Marshall - August 16, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



August 16, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *85 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 16, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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August 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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August 16, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



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August 16, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Bob And Cathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



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**Bob and Cathy Walker** - August 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 16, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ Connelly Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



**Connelly Family** - August 16, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 15, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 15, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ Met sweet Carol in Jr High at Coolidge, then worked together at Dairy Queen. Truly one of the best people I've ever been blessed to have known. I will ALWAYS smile when I think of you Carol and all the memories.

**Deb Mikels** - August 15, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 15, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 15, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RH

“ Rick and Barbara Hammond purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



Rick and Barbara Hammond - August 14, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 14, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ I will always remember visiting Carol and Kevin. Boat rides, dinners and great conversation. Carol's kindness and smile is unmatched.



Shelley Thompson - August 14, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 14, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



August 14, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Carol and I went from grade school to high school together. Very sweet person. Sorry to hear that and praying for your family*

**Dwight Flowers Jr. MA** - August 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



August 14, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Greg And Kara Fishburn lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



**Greg and Kara Fishburn** - August 13, 2021 at 11:30 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Greg and Kara Fishburn** - August 13, 2021 at 11:31 PM

CL

*Wow! I am in shock! She was more than my dental hygienist, I thought of her as my friend. Can't believe she is gone. We are sooooo sorry to hear about your loss. My heart goes out to everyone that new and loved her. I will really miss her. Ed and Carla Luzadder*

**Carla Luzadder** - August 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM

GF

*“ Kevin and family,  
We are very sorry for the loss of Carol! She was so sweet and caring. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort at this difficult time.*



**Gehring Family** - August 13, 2021 at 11:02 PM

VG

*“ So sorry for your loss.*

**Valerie Grover** - August 13, 2021 at 10:30 PM

TP

*“ Tony, Patrice, Ann and Paula purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



**Tony, Patrice, Ann and Paula** - August 13, 2021 at 09:44 PM

RP

*“ The loss of Carol is shared by everyone she touched in life.*

**Ronald PackIngham** - August 13, 2021 at 09:10 PM

SA

“ I’m so deeply sorry for the loss of Carol! Carol, you were always such a kind, generous and sweet lady. Getting to know you through the years has truly been a blessing. I’m really going to miss having you here amongst us and look forward to the beautiful day we can all be together with our Heavenly Father! Rest easy till we’re gathered in our eternal home. Gods blessing to your entire family and all who knew you! A true LADY!! Love ya’ my friend, Susan Axtell

susan Axtell - August 13, 2021 at 08:50 PM

JH

Kevin and family  
So sorry to hear about Carol she was a very special lady. All of you are in my prayers, may God be with you

Jane Hoffman - August 13, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



August 13, 2021 at 08:39 PM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love,  
Jena Holguin



Jena Holguin - August 13, 2021 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Burks lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



**Cindy Burks** - August 13, 2021 at 08:08 PM

KP

“ *Carol had a gentle touch with her professional hands and touched my heart as we spoke as mothers of sons in the military and of her love of flower gardens. God, please embrace her presence as she rests in peace now.*

**Karen Peterson** - August 13, 2021 at 07:49 PM

DZ

“ *David & Diane Ziese lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



**David & Diane Ziese** - August 13, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KP

“ *Kaytlin Peterson lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



**Kaytlin Peterson** - August 13, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KP

“ *The world has lost a beautiful woman inside and out, but she walks with the Lord now and In that there is comfort! I was honored to have so many happy memories of Carol in both my childhood and into adulthood! She was a beautiful ray of sunshine to everyone she met! May God grant healing and comfort to Kevin, Matt, Angie, Mark, and all their family and Friends.*

Kaytlin Peterson - August 13, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



Kim - August 13, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JO

“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries*



Janice Odom - August 13, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.*



August 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family!



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**Shannon** - August 13, 2021 at 06:26 PM

GB

“ Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann DeFries



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**Gloria Baier** - August 13, 2021 at 05:06 PM

GB

*Prayers for a beautiful family.*

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**Gloria Baier** - August 13, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol Ann DeFries.



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August 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM