



Carol Jane Wardrip

October 9, 1951 - June 4, 2026

Carol Jane Wardrip, 74, passed away on June 4, 2026. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 9, 1951, to her late parents, Edith and Virgil Downs.

A woman of deep faith, she was a lifelong Catholic and a devoted member of St. Helen Catholic Church, now known as Mary Queen of Peace, for more than 70 years. She retired from Jefferson County Public Schools after 17 years of dedicated service in nutrition services, where she enjoyed caring for and serving others. She was also an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, faithfully volunteering each week in the parish food pantry and living out her faith through service to others.

She found great joy in tending to her beautiful flower gardens and was a wonderful cook who lovingly prepared meals for family and friends. In her quiet moments, she could often be found enjoying a good mystery novel with a fresh cup of coffee close at hand. She never missed an opportunity to watch her favorite Christmas Hallmark movies, especially during the holiday season. Nothing brought her greater happiness than spending time with her beloved grandchildren, who held a special place in her heart. Above all, she will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished grandmother whose kindness, faith, and selfless spirit touched the lives of all who knew her. Carol will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 52 years, Rick Wardrip; son, Keith Wardrip (Pamela); daughter, Jackie Wardrip (Chris Johnson); and grandchildren, Bailey and Erica Johnson.

Her funeral services will be provided by Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. Visitation will be on Monday, June 8, 2026, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, as well as 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a small break in between each visitation. The funeral mass will be the following day at Mary Queen of Peace, 4005 Dixie Hwy., starting at 11:00 am. Burial will follow the Mass, going to Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Mary Queen of Peace St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Kentucky Humane Society in Carol's honor.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

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Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (est)

Mary Queen of Peace
4005 Dixie Hwy
Louisville, KY