



Carla Johnson

July 31, 1951 - August 24, 2009

A memorial service for Carla Johnson, 58, of Tyler will be held on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 10:00 AM, at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Allen officiating. Mrs. Johnson passed away, Monday, August 24, 2009 at Hospice of East Texas. She was born July 31, 1951 to Walt and Irene Riemland of St. Joseph Michigan. She was a resident of Smith County since 1978. After working with Youth With a Mission for 13 years, Carla returned to college and acquired a degree, becoming a registered nurse. She worked for the last 13 years in the fields of Urology, and Psychiatric nursing. She was employed at Rusk State Hospital since November 2006. Carla is survived by her loving family including her husband of 18 years Neil Johnson of Tyler; her father and mother Walt and Irene Riemland of St. Joseph, Michigan; brother Kurt Reimland, of Steenville, Michigan; and sister Renee' Reimland of Middlebury, Indiana. Memorials in honor of Carla Johnson may be made to Living Alternatives, 17141 State Highway 110 N, Lindale, Texas 75771-5933. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Neil, please know that our sympathies are with you. We hope this eases your grief.

Douglas Blom - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We would not have missed Carla's memorial service, except for a family emergency of our own in Oklahoma.

We'll always remember Carla as a fun person and a hard worker. She came in the earliest days of Youth With A Mission in Tyler, Texas. She had a quiet, calm spirit--the kind of loving person who helped hold a ministry together behind the scenes.

We didn't see you often after you left YWAM, but we know you both continued to make a difference in the community.

Carla leaves a huge hole that can never be filled by anyone else. So many loved her, so many depended on her. I can well imagine that her quiet, loving spirit was vital to the psychiatric patients in Rusk, and to the staff.

Neal, we grieve with you. We're praying for you, that the Lord will heal this tremendous wound. I pray that Jesus will hold you close in His arms. She's with Him and you're with Him, so there is no true separation. Until you see her again, I pray the Lord will show you a little of where your darling Carla is right now--in the most beautiful, safe place imaginable.

Jim & Janice Rogers - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I remember Carla to be a true friend when I was in YWAM. She showed the love and friendship that only a woman of God could show.

And now she is with her Lord and Saviour.

I was blessed to have known her while in Ywam.

John Carmona - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Neil and family, Carla and I were childhood friends, growing up down the road from each other. We went through grade school and high school together. I was at Carla's house so much back then, her mom thought I was one of hers. We had alot of fun growing up, hanging out at the House of David and going to the beach. Carla would call me or I would call her and say "meet me at the school", which was about half way between our houses. We had a little "hidey hole" at the school that we would go into to get out of the rain and snow, just to talk and hang out. I asked her a couple of years ago if she remembered it and she said yes and that she had even dreamed about it . I will never forget Carla's first car..it was a 1920's or 1930's old black "hoopty". Carla drove us to school in it and I think all of Benton Harbor High School was laughing at us, but we didn't care, no more school bus for us! Many people have said what a wonderful person she was and I can tell you that she was the same wonderful person when we were kids. Carla was my friend way back then and she will always be in my heart. I will miss her forever.

Diana DeWitt - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Neil,

Just wanted you to know that I am praying for you. I always enjoyed talking to Carla with her calm spirit(unlike me) I also remember the time you had us out for dinner in your new home...and how I just enjoyed sitting down to visit and relax!(I think that was before children!)Just know, I'll be praying for everyone involved....it is a sad time for all of us and a big loss for those who knew her. Luv ya, Kimberly

Kimberly Reed - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To Neil Johnson and Family

With Expressed Sympathy

Words may seem empty right now,

but they're meant to show

that your loved ones share in your loss,

And those expressing sympathy

wish that you'll find

comfort in knowing that they care.

With Deepest Sympathy

Cassandra Benton - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Carla's quiet and gentle personality ministered to many young women during her years with Living Alternatives. I will always remember her as one who loved the Lord quietly and yet sacrificially. She gave beyond what many saw and never sought recognition for her service. Carla moved our Center from a small office to a larger one and expanded the services of the Center to receive many more hurting young women. Neil waited for Carla ... and now, she awaits him, as she rests in the arms of our loving God. May the God who holds her now, comfort all she leaves behind.*

Beverly Kline - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *You will be missed my friend-*

Traci Standifer - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *NEIL & FAMILY
SOMETIMES, IN MOMENTS LIKE THESE. IT'S HARD TO KNOW
JUST WHAT TO SAY. WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND
KINDEST THOUGHTS TO YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW. I
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER CARLA. HER SHINNING
SMILE, GREGARIOUS HEART AND GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. I
LOVED HER DEARLY.
MAY GOD AND PEACE BE WITH YOU.*

VERA ANDERSON - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Carla,
You were my Maid of Honor, my friend, my co-hort in the girls' dorm at the ranch. You even took a turn on rat patrol in New Orleans in the basement of Rev. Byrd's church so the rest of us could sleep. You always smiled, even when that mean nun told us to get off the bus in Juarez and stand in the cold like everyone else. OK, maybe you weren't laughing then. But you laughed a lot, and it made the tough times easier. We all need to remember you that way, and maybe it will make us all feel a little better now.
Neil, God's rich blessings on you forever, man. You are the best. You two were the example of God's love. And I thank you for that example. Peace. I love you both.

Ann Marie McIntire - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Carla...your sweet smile. I remember the time you and Peggy had fun at my expense when I spoke of Peggy's mom not liking something Peggy was doing--like table manners stuff--- You two both laughed... Peggy's friends would know why that is funny, but I had just met her! Strangely, that made me feel all the more comfortable around you.

Then you married Neil. You invited me to lunch to talk married girl stuff. I felt so honored that you shared with me. I hope I made you feel that way at some point.

Thank you for sharing Carla with us, Most Precious Lord. I, along with the rest of the world, am better for it!!!

Matt and Teresa McCarty - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Neil- I am so sorry. You were a fun couple. I loved Carla's laugh and her humor. It is hard to believe she is gone. I pray God takes good care of every detail for you and her. He loves you both so much.
Your friend, Katherien

katherine - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Carla Johnson*

Katherine Ewing - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *I will never forget Carla's smile as it was one that warmed ones heart, I thank Jesus that she came into my life*

fran - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Dear Neil and family,*

We are so sad to hear of Carla's passing. Carla was an incredible woman. One that our world will sorely miss. Her heart for Christ and life that tenderly expressed the care and mercy of God to so many through out her life time.

Jane and I both respected and admired all she did to help young women facing unplanned pregnancies and how she helped and enabled others to get involved.

We love you both and are blessed by both your lives!

*Blessings on you my Friend!
Stan & Jane*

Stan & Jane Richardson - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Neil,

I have to say that you are a wonderful husband and friend to Carla and I know that you miss her greatly. You were very patient with allowing me to be her friend, especially when you had to come to Carlotta's and get us!!! I miss her also and am blessed to call her friend. Take Care and May the Lord continue to always bless you. Respectfully, Melissa

Melissa Sharp - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle Niel, We were so saddened to hear of Carla's illness and passing and cant imagine what you and her family are going through right now. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. She was a good person and I know she did alot to invest in others during her lifetime. I am so thankful for the years the two of you had together. Those memories you will cherish and will never go away. Keep them close to your heart. We may not know why the Lord took her home at such a young age but take comfort in knowing that He needed her up in heaven and she will shine down upon you! "Each of us may be sure that if God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes, and He will not send us out on any journey for which he does not equip us well" Surround yourself and take comfort in friends and family and the Lord. He will see you through these dark times. We love you and wish we could be there. Keeping you in our prayers. Julie

Julie & Matt Miller - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To Carla's family, Our prayers are with you. We are grateful for the gracious way Carla chose to live her life, it impacted us immensely. We will miss her. Neil, both you and Carla were an integral part of the formative years of our Christian walk and missions training. We pray that the grace of God would sustain you as it sustained Carla throughout her life. Please contact us if there is anything we can do for you. With love and prayers, Dave and Marlene Dickson

Dave and Marlene Dickson - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Neil,
Steve and I are so saddened by the loss of Carla. We really didn't realize that she was so sick.
Carla had an impact on both of our lives, but especially mine. She spoke some Godly words into my life back in the 80's and I'm forever grateful for her investment in me. She sure was a lot of fun too! Just last week I was looking at some hilarious pictures of her in the dorm with a nylon stocking over her head!
If there is anything that we can do to help you Neil, please do not hesitate to call on us.
Our prayers and love are with you. May you know the peace of the Lord like never before.
Molly

Steve and Molly Pontius - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Neil, Carla's parents and friends of Carla,

*I was so shocked to hear of Carla's sudden passing. I got to know Carla back in 1980 when we became roommates for a short time. We had some great times together, both good talks and some good laughs. One time she came in the room with her hands cupped around something. She said she had a gift for me. Then she proceeded to drop a giant toad into my hands and I promptly freaked and threw it out of my hands. Usually, I was the tease, but she got me good!
my heart goes out to you all as you say goodbye to your Carla and miss her so much. I will be praying for you.*

Debbie

Debbie Drake Mueller - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Neil,

I am so sorry. Please allow yourself to be saturated with the love and support of those dear to you. I am grateful that your brothers are with you, and I send you my wishes for peace and comfort.

*Love,
Becky*

Becky Johnson - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Dear Neil, We, like so many other family members, are shocked and saddened by this tragedy. I cannot comprehend your grief or pain. There is solace that she had strong faith as we do. We wish we were there. I have talked to many of your far away cousins in many states and they too share your grief. May God help you to find peace and His words of comfort. God's peace be with you. Neil

neil & joanne - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Neil,

We have just read of Carla's passing. Though not in the states right now, we stand with you from afar in grief over your loss. We loved Carla and have great memories of our times working together. May His kind presence be very real to you now and your hope renewed in His eternal promises. He'll surely fulfill them all.

Much love, Mark and Maryanna

Mark and Maryanna Lanford - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ My prayers are with Carla's family and all those whose life she has touched. May God's everlasting peace comfort you and guide you.

Ann Wooddell - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Neil, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Pam

Pam Wells - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Neil:
*I am so sorry to hear about Carla. I had no idea she had been ill.
May GOD BLESS YOU and your family during this time of sadness
and grief.
You are in my prayers.
Kathy*

Kathy HANIFIN - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Neil and Family-I am so very sorry for your loss. May God be with
*you during your time of loss. Carla will be greatly missed by many
here at RSH not only staff but her SJU patients as well.*

Autumn Black - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM