



Bernice May "Bunny" Carper

August 28, 1945 - March 26, 2026

Bernice May (Atkins) "Bunny" Carper, 80, of Stephens City, Virginia, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026, at Winchester Medical Center, with her daughters by her side.

Born August 28, 1945, in Luray, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Odie Oliver Atkins and Mary Ellen Fincham Atkins.

Bernice was a proud graduate of Maryland High School and later earned her CNA certification, along with additional senior care credentials. She worked as a cosmetologist and, for a time, provided care for the elderly. Over the years, she owned an interior design business and the Waterloo Truck Stop Restaurant in Millwood, Virginia.

She lived with a bold and outspoken spirit, unafraid to say what she felt, yet she also had a kindness that often showed itself in simple, unexpected ways. Bernice had a creative spirit and loved cake decorating—winning awards for her work. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, watching old westerns, and riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. She also adored her dogs, Sierra and Little Man, often dressing them in outfits that reflected her playful nature.

She was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 2139 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 824.

She is survived by her daughters, Lisa Williamson of Bunker Hill, WV, and Robyn Graves of Winchester, VA; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mikkia M Brill, and her son, Ty L

Carper.

Her life reflected perseverance through both hardship and strength. In her final moments, she was at peace and surrounded by love. As a woman of Christian faith, we find peace in the words of our Savior:

“Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

— Luke 23:43

Her earthly journey has ended, and her soul is now at rest.

Friends will be received 6-8:00 pm Friday in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive, Winchester.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral Chapel
311 Hope Drive
Winchester, VA 22601

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bunny I will always think of you with love you will be missed* ”



Mary Beth Russell - April 03 at 08:55 PM

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“ *Bunny has been a long time friend of mine since I worked for her at the Waterloo truckstop when I was 18. We had such good times there, she was more like family to me. We would lose touch occasionally, but we'd always find our way back to each other. I would come and see her and sit in her living room with her and we would just reminisce on old stories and laugh. She was like a second mom to me. I will always love her and miss her dearly. My heart goes out to her two daughters Lisa and Robin, Bunny may you rest in peace and know that you were always a dear friend to me, your kind words and laughs will always be in my mind.* ❤️🙏❤️ ”

Tammy Edwards - March 30 at 03:09 PM