



## Carolyn Elaine Graves

July 29, 1960 - January 23, 2024

GRAVES, Ms. Carolyn - Age 63, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Houston, Texas. Family hour 10:30AM Friday, February 16, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Minister Jimmy Crump, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30AM Friday. Ms. Graves will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home , and may be viewed from 12:00PM-6:00PM Thursday.

If you want a definition and example of a “strong, courageous woman” go to the dictionary and you will find a picture of Carolyn Graves. Carolyn Elaine Graves made peace with her Creator as she transitioned from this earth on January 23, 2024, and did so without fear. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, and friend. She never met a stranger and was kind to everyone who crossed her path. Carolyn befriended all those she encountered and was cherished by many. She was truly an angel on Earth.

Carolyn, born in Henning, Tennessee, July 29, 1960, made her way to Pontiac, Michigan, almost two years later. She, and her mother Unicetine Graves, planted roots and made Pontiac their home. A 1978 graduate of Pontiac Central High School, Carolyn was a proud Chief. However, she did not stop her studies there. She pursued her associate degree at Oakland

Community College while working for William Beaumont Hospital. After earning her degree, she continued to work at the hospital, dedicating more than 20 years of service.

Carolyn was passionate about her faith and praised God until the very end. She attended and loved Triumph Church in Southfield, Michigan. Carolyn also believed in education and hard work. She instilled those same values and beliefs in her daughters, Latoika (Rajaul) King and Tierra Graves. She was their biggest cheerleader and supporter. She made sure she was there every step of the way.

If you ran into Carolyn at TJ Maxx or Marshalls, she was sure to share a picture of her precious grandkids Cameron and Chandler King, and Parker Delegal. Carolyn delighted in her family and friends. She forged deep connections, treating friends, coworkers and neighbors as if they were family. Carolyn consistently invested her time and energy in nurturing these relationships, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to those she held dear.

A doting mother and grandmother, Carolyn also was a devoted daughter and a big sister. She was preceded in death by her mother, Unicetine Graves. Carolyn is survived by her father, Roy V. Graves (Ida Graves) of Oakwood, Ohio; and her second mom, Emma Jean "Aunt Boonie" Fitzpatrick; She leaves behind her little sisters, Tonya Burton, LaShawnda Graves and Sheila Jelks; and her brothers, Samuel Graves, Roy Graves and Ray Graves. She was cherished and loved by many nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
268 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
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## Family Hour

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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BE

“ Carolyn was my coworker whom I had the pleasure of working with for many many many years! She was a caretaker to many. I have many precious memories to carry. I will miss her advice, her wisdom, her listening ear, her smile and on and on. She was not just a coworker, but an awesome friend whom I’m forever thankful was a part of my life!



Becky - February 16, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SS

“ Sandra Shorter lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Sandra Shorter - February 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

KJ

“ Keesha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Keesha Johnson - February 16, 2024 at 11:21 AM

WH

“ *Walter Holloway lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Walter Holloway** - February 16, 2024 at 10:25 AM

WH

*Love you cousin. We laughed so hard when we together. You will be truly missed.*

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**Walter Holloway** - February 16, 2024 at 10:27 AM

PT

“ *Priscilla Thompson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Priscilla Thompson** - February 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PT

*Carolyn was such a beautiful women. Our prayers are with the family. Rest in peace Carolyn*

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**Priscilla Thompson** - February 16, 2024 at 09:19 AM

AB

*A true definition of a genuine person. She was our everything and it's sad she has to leave us. Though our heart is broken, we believe that she is at a place of no sorrow and pain. Rest well a true warrior. Jemima loves you so much . 💕💕💕*

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**Anna Bonsrah** - February 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM

RD

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.



Ronda Dawson - February 16, 2024 at 12:32 AM

TT

“ Terri Sullivan (Lynn) & Sharia Taylor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.



Terri Sullivan (Lynn) & Sharia Taylor - February 15, 2024 at 06:46 PM

PB

“ I worked with Carolyn for many years. She had such a kind and cheerful personality and always brightened the mood in our office. She had a special talent on the phone, charming physicians' office managers into pestering the docs to complete their charts. Carolyn often spoke proudly of her daughters and granddaughters. She will be missed by many many people.

Paula Bone - February 15, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.



February 15, 2024 at 02:17 PM

HF

“ Hudson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Elaine Graves.

Hudson Family - February 15, 2024 at 10:46 AM

HF

“ Hudson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.



Hudson Family - February 15, 2024 at 10:46 AM

AB

“ God called his Angel home. I'm really going to miss you,  
You will always be in my heart. love you my friend.



Allison Bruner - February 15, 2024 at 08:19 AM

TW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of Carolyn. My heart is heavy right now. Please know that I am praying for the entire family. May the peace and comfort of God's presence be with you at this difficult time . She will be dearly missed. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to be friends with her and that we shared some happy moments. May she rest in eternal peace. I love you all  
♥♥. Theresa White

Theresa White - February 15, 2024 at 06:50 AM

EM

“ <https://youtu.be/znyOOYeVNdc?si=trXcGJNhVGhE3s8x> Enjoyed the time you were here  
Emma

Emma - February 15, 2024 at 01:39 AM

SC

“ I'm thankful for your unwavering kindness, for your beautiful high cheekbones and twinkling eye smile. I thank you for your frequent encouragement and compliments. I thank you for always making me feel welcomed and loved. I'm truly grateful for the memories made and the time spent. I will continue to pray for my sister-friends and the rest of the family. And as we trudge through tearful days and moments of emptiness I pray that that we are filled up with pleasant memories of you. I pray that we all grow to be as faithful of a servant as you had. Love you much Carolyn!!!

Sam

Sam Cannon-Roberson - February 14, 2024 at 08:19 PM

BE

“ Belinda Jackson Edwards lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Belinda Jackson Edwards - February 14, 2024 at 01:29 PM

MR

“ Carolyn, though our paths had not crossed in years, it truly hurts knowing that you are now in the afterlife 🙏 . Praying for your BEAUTIFUL dear family--Elaine Redmond

Marcia Elaine Redmond-Johnson - February 14, 2024 at 10:35 AM

EE

“ *Such a beautiful person & friend. Carolyn always had a smile on her face.*



Elaine Evans - February 13, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ *15 Usual Suspects "Mighty" P Ψ 98 purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.*



15 Usual Suspects "Mighty" P Ψ 98 - February 13, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.*



February 13, 2024 at 10:02 AM

GM

“ *Gail Mellin lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



gail mellin - February 11, 2024 at 06:32 PM

LM

“ *Lois May Marr lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Lois May Marr** - February 11, 2024 at 04:00 PM

CJ

“ *Rest In Peace Carolyn Graves*



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**Cheryl Jackson** - February 10, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JS

“ *James & Dianne Smothers lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**James & Dianne Smothers** - February 10, 2024 at 08:27 PM

CH

“ *It is often hard to find the right words at a time like this. May GOD continue to provide your family the strength, peace, comfort, and all the love you need in the days to come.*



*Charlene*

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**Charlene** - February 10, 2024 at 07:14 PM

AF

“ Annette Sykes and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.



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**Annette Sykes and Family** - February 10, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AF

“ Annette Sykes and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Elaine Graves.

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**Annette Sykes and Family** - February 10, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SB

“ Sheryl Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



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**Sheryl Baldwin** - February 10, 2024 at 12:46 PM

SB

*Rip she got her wings*

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**Sheryl Baldwin** - February 10, 2024 at 12:47 PM

SB

*She got her wings rip*

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**Sheryl Baldwin** - February 11, 2024 at 11:44 AM

KW

“ *Katrina Wilson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Katrina Wilson** - February 10, 2024 at 06:59 AM

DF

“ *Doris A Farmer lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Doris A Farmer** - February 09, 2024 at 09:53 PM

DF

*Cuz, I am going to miss our girl talks and laughter. You will always be in my heart* ❤️

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**Doris A Farmer** - February 09, 2024 at 09:56 PM

IT

“ *Itanya lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Itanya** - February 09, 2024 at 05:31 PM

MS

“ *Mary Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Mary Sullivan** - February 09, 2024 at 03:33 PM

MS

“ *Carolyn was a wonderful friend and person I loved her dearly will miss her with all my heart* ❤️

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**Mary Sullivan** - February 09, 2024 at 03:31 PM

LK

“ *Our ROCK! We miss you Ma* ☐



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**Latoika King** - February 09, 2024 at 01:34 PM

SJ

*Gone but never forgotten  
Love you sis*

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**Sheila Jelks** - February 09, 2024 at 03:27 PM

CJ

*Gone but never forgotten*

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**Cheryl Jackson** - February 10, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.*



February 09, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beverly Rollins lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



**Beverly Rollins** - February 09, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Robin White lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



**Robin White** - February 09, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ *Dr. Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



**Dr. Brenda Dilworth** - February 08, 2024 at 11:15 PM

SM

“ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28. Keeping the Family close in thought and Prayers. God Bless.  
Mrs. Shirley Mason-Cooper



Shirley Mason-Cooper - February 08, 2024 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - February 08, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JT

“ Jean Tillman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Jean Tillman - February 08, 2024 at 06:02 PM

VH

“ My Condolences To Family and My Friend Carolyn Graves R I H 🌹 My Friend 100 💕



Vanessa Hargo - February 08, 2024 at 05:57 PM

SW

“ Sending my condolences to the family



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**Sharon Washington** - February 08, 2024 at 04:44 PM

SM

“ Samarah Murray lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



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**Samarah Murray** - February 08, 2024 at 03:49 PM

MB

“ Carolyn was the most loving person, we had bond we treated each other like Sisters,I will truly miss Her.



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**Mary Baldwin** - February 08, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Memories of our mommy.*



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**Tierra Graves** - February 08, 2024 at 03:42 PM

MR

*Such a BEAUTIFUL soul!!! Carolyn was a shining beacon! It didn't matter how many years had passed, she greeted you like it was just yesterday. May GOD'S light and love surround her loved ones during this immediate time of sorrow and forever!*

*Marcia Elaine*

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**Marcia Elaine Redmond-Johnson** - February 14, 2024 at 10:26 AM

ET

“ *Ernestine Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves*



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**Ernestine Tolbert** - February 08, 2024 at 03:28 PM

CT

“ Carolyn was a true and honest friend. I miss the times she would braid my hair and we would catch each other up with the latest in our lives. Her bright smile and encouraging words will always be remember.



Carolyne Donalson-Smith & Trina - February 08, 2024 at 02:46 PM

RF

“ Renee Lawrence and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Elaine Graves.

Renee Lawrence and family - February 08, 2024 at 02:35 PM

RF

“ Renee Lawrence and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Elaine Graves.



Renee Lawrence and family - February 08, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SD

“ Carolyn was one of the most genuine, honest and loving people I've ever met. I will miss her very much.



Sheila Donovan - February 08, 2024 at 01:43 PM



Tierra Graves - February 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM

YJ

“ Ed and Yvonne Jones ❤️❤️❤️



Yvonne Jones - February 08, 2024 at 01:25 PM



Tierra Graves - February 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM

EW

“ Mama Carolyn was always smiling and had the most positive and giving spirit. I'll forever cherish the memories of sleepovers at her place, conversations about life and just always being welcomed with the biggest smile and hug. Her spirit will certainly be missed.



Erica Wright - February 08, 2024 at 01:25 PM



Tierra Graves - February 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM

HF

“ Herb And Shawanna Fletcher & Family lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Graves



Herb and Shawanna Fletcher & Family - February 08, 2024 at 01:10 PM

HF

*Latoika and Tierra, please know that Herb and I, as well as Kirbionne and Tiara are here for you if you need us. We loved Carolyn and enjoyed her friendship while we were neighbors and beyond. Carolyn always had an encouraging message and that will be missed by many. Stay strong and know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal! Be blessed.*

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**Herb and Shawanna Fletcher** - February 08, 2024 at 01:14 PM

LE

*CONDOLENCES TO THE GRAVES FAMILY MAY GOD ADD ANOTHER SERVANT TO HIS MANSION BLESS YOU ALL...Love you all The Bell-Carter family (sister)*

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**Leola** - February 09, 2024 at 02:47 AM



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**Tierra Graves** - February 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM