



Carol Ann Houchens

November 25, 1946 - March 11, 2026

Carol Ann Houchens, age 79, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at her granddaughter's home in Versailles. She was born November 25, 1946, in Battle Creek, Michigan, daughter of the late George W. and Dorothy Z. (Hopkins) Smith.

On January 17, 1964, in Versailles, she was united in marriage to Larry Houchens, who preceded her in death on October 11, 2012.

Carol was a member of the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Versailles.

She had a deep love for travel and camping, always enjoying time spent exploring new places and making memories outdoors. She was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan, as well as following many other sporting events. She especially loved supporting the local Versailles Tigers teams and took great pride in watching her community compete.

Carol had a passion for reading, particularly history books and held a strong interest in Native American history and culture. Above all, she will be remembered for the love she had for her family and the joy she found in being surrounded by them. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her endless pride and happiness and she cherished every moment spent cheering them on and sharing in their lives.

The memories she created through her kindness, laughter and unwavering support will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughters, Sonetta Harris (Todd Rogers) and Sonseeray Henderson (Steve); grandchildren, Thia Navarre (Nicholas), Kristee Waters (Jordan), Derrick Harris (Ashley Shelton), Amber Schlicht (Will), Josie Benefield (Ben) and Nathan Henderson (Amber); great-grandchildren, Madelynne, Austin, Codie, Evan, Lydia, Wayde, Scarlett, Logan, Colin and Peyton and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Lance Wesley Smith and grandsons, Ian Michael Henderson and Christopher Harris.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 23rd, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Chuck Campbell and Jimmy Campbell officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. A private family entombment will be held in the Versailles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph Indian School, Shriners Hospitals for Children or to Morgan County R-II School to be used toward children's unpaid lunch accounts.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Celebration of Life

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - March 20 at 12:27 PM

LD

“ *Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Houchens* ”



Linda Daniels - March 15 at 06:55 PM

DB

“ *Diane Moore Brown lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Houchens* ”



Diane Moore Brown - March 14 at 03:15 PM

DB

Sonseeray and Sonetta I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I have so many great memories of fun times with your mom and dad !! The many camping trips to the little Niangua river and just hanging out with them. I watched you girls grow into young ladies. I believe your mom and dad are watching from above with Nannie too and smiling. Together again ! They may be gone from us but never, ever forgotten!

Diane Moore Brown - March 14 at 03:32 PM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Carroll at the phone company in Versailles Missouri back in the 60s and 70s I always went to Larry to get my hair done. I went to school with them although I graduated in 1958 I was only 16 so I was about their age they were wonderful, wonderful people, and I cared for them both deeply. Carroll and I shared many stories one of her water skiing to school in Gravois Mills across the lake of the Ozarks because the bus service did not run to her house knowing Carrol she probably ice skated there in the winter time when the lake was frozen she was an adventuresome lovely person. I am so sorry for your loss JackieCairns Jobe*

Jackie Cairns Jobe - March 14 at 02:34 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family*



Steve-Peggi Sargent - March 13 at 08:21 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to your family .love
and pr6*



Penny Patton - March 13 at 04:38 AM