



Carolyn "Butch" Fortney

October 3, 1942 - March 5, 2025

Carolyn "Butch" Fortney, passed from this life into the next on March 5, 2025 at Mon Health Medical Center, Morgantown, WV, following complications of Influenza A.

She was born October 3, 1942 in Wheeling, WV the daughter of the late Vern and Susan Hicks Phillips.

She graduated from Cameron High School in 1960 and remained a lifelong Dragon Fan. Following High School graduation, she attended Wheeling Beauty College, from which she graduated in April 1961. She secured employment at Myrtle's Beauty Shop in Cameron, eventually taking ownership of the business after the retirement of the original proprietor.

In 1962 she gave birth to her only child, Jim, who was the pride & joy of her life.

She was an avid sports fan, particularly of the WVU Mountaineers, the Miami Dolphins, the Cincinnati Reds, the Boston Bruins, the L.A. Lakers, and NASCAR. She enjoyed reading, especially anything pertaining to the Civil War; having visited many of the civil War battlefields, but of those, Gettysburg held a special place in her heart. She visited there on an annual basis until her health made it no longer comfortable to travel.

She planted a large vegetable garden each year while she lived in Cameron and thoroughly savored the fruits of her labors; especially her tomatoes.

She enjoyed music of all types, with Jazz being her favorite genre. Despite being hindered by a double curvature of her spine her entire life, she enjoyed

water skiing as a young woman and trekked into the Grand Canyon on a mule.

When Carolyn's mother's health began to fail, she closed her beauty salon and took a position with Teletech, working on the "NICS" project for the FBI doing background checks on gun sales.

In 2013 she sold her family home in Cameron and moved to Morgantown to be closer to Jim. During the time she lived there, she was a frequenter of the Farmer's Market on Spruce St. and attended countless WVU sporting events, plays and concerts.

Survivors include her son, Jim and his wife, Lisa of Morgantown; a brother, Ed Phillips and his wife, Pat of Cameron; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a nephew, Terry Phillips.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 11am until time of funeral service at 1pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Pastor Doug Richardson of Cameron First Christian Church officiating. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Carolyn's memory to the hospice organization of donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home
400 Jefferson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn "Butch" Fortney*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 07, 2025 at 03:45 PM

MP

“ *Jim and Lisa so sorry to hear of your mom's. I worked with her at Teletech on the Nics project. We had such a good time and talked about Cameron as my family owned Neubauer's Greenhouse. My thoughts and ptayers are with you.*

Michele Neubauer Page

Michele Neubauer Page - March 08, 2025 at 05:21 PM

BH

“ *Bob Hoffman purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Carolyn "Butch" Fortney.*



Bob Hoffman - March 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ 36 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 07, 2025 at 03:08 PM

RG

“ Rodney Gerber purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Carolyn "Butch" Fortney.



Rodney Gerber - March 07, 2025 at 11:40 AM

DF

“ Don & Carole Werner & Family purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Carolyn "Butch" Fortney.



Don & Carole Werner & Family - March 06, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *The funniest memory I have of Butch is when she and our cousin Leslie ran out in the rain to wash their hair. Butch told her that the rain was good for their hair. Lots of suds down the storm drain that day. So sorry for your loss.*

William A Lennex - March 06, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn "Butch" Fortney.*

March 06, 2025 at 06:23 PM