



Carolyn Emma Van Buskirk

November 5, 1947 - August 20, 2025

Carolyn Van Buskirk of Lower Sackville passed away peacefully in the morning hours of August 20, 2025 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Joggins Nova Scotia she was the daughter of the late Elda and Omen White.

Carolyn was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She married her loving husband John Van Buskirk, they built their own home that was filled with love and laughter.

Carolyn enjoyed reading, neighborhood gatherings, Mitchell's Beach in Pugwash, walking her dog. She dedicated a good portion of her life doing charity work with the Huntington Society, Beacon House (the local foodbank) as well for her Church Knox United in Lower Sackville.

Carolyn is survived by her children Shauna (Rheal), Robbie as well as her Grandson Michael, his children Linkin and Tanner, her sisters Aggie Stolz and Judy Gagnon, her sister-in-laws Joy, Margie, Elaine and Elizabeth as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at Knox United Church in Lower Sackville at 11 am Saturday September 6, 2025 ,with a reception to follow.

Carolyn has requested instead of flowers a donation can be made in her name to the Red Cross society or the Knox United Choir in Lower Sackville.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ It is hard to believe that you are not here anymore, I think of you every day ❤️ your birthday passed and Thanksgiving have passed, Christmas is around the corner and you mom were the centre. This hole you left is large 💔
Much ❤️

Shauna - November 23, 2025 at 09:40 AM

GV

“ To Carolyn's family, my heartfelt condolences are with you all. I did not know your mother well, but I am a long-time member at Knox and her deep faith was apparent. Despite the fact that her health was compromised, she continued to attend church and was always smiling and happy. Her cheeriness, loving nature, and kind disposition impressed me greatly. I am away but watched her funeral service this morning online. I am amazed that we have many similar interests - like animals, Northumberland Strait, wandering drives, and more - and regret that I did not realize that.

I discovered in the spring that she really liked the orange cranberry scones I used to make in support of our "new" organ. When she mentioned that she hadn't seen them for awhile, I explained that we raised the money for the organ and would only need to have a bake sale every now and then for its maintenance. I was delighted to make some for her, and I certainly hope she was able to enjoy them.

With caring thoughts, I pray that God's peace is extended to you all.

In great sympathy,

Gardia Voerman

GARDIA VOERMAN - September 06, 2025 at 12:23 PM

JH

“ My condolences to Carolyn’s family and many friends. That special smile and laughter is gone. Her spot in the pews on Sundays is empty or occupied by someone else. I miss seeing her sitting there. I walk past her house but she is not there. She is with her husband now and free of worldly pain. She is missed by many. Rest in peace.

Judith Sylvia Houlihan - September 05, 2025 at 09:26 PM

ER

“ Our friend an Neighbour ! You will be missed by Me , Michael and families. RIP

Eleanor Ryan - August 31, 2025 at 05:10 PM

PF

To Shauna , Robbie and Michael my sincere

Condolences on your mother’s passing. We were neighbours and friends when we lived on Johnson Crescent many years ago. we also attended the same Church so had more than the occasional get together,

Your Mom was a special woman, Thoughtful and caring and concerned about others, She and I spent one Christmas making shortbread cookies and had a great morning , We shared several telephone calls and shared our experiences in dealing with our Cancer journey,
I feel privileged to have known her!

With love and Prayers,

Pat Farmer,

Pat Farmer - September 01, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JG

To Shauna, Robbie, Michael & family

Please accept our condolences on this lovely ladies passing. She will always be a warm & loving memory in our hearts. She was a treasured "Street Lady".

*Hugs & Peace
Ed & Jenny Gillis*

Jenny Gillis - September 04, 2025 at 07:51 AM

MW

*To Shauna, Robbie, Michael and family.
Carolyn was a wonderful caring, kind and generous woman. I enjoyed her visits so much. I will miss her forever!!
Sister in law, Margie❤️*

marg White - September 04, 2025 at 01:26 PM

PY

*To Shauna, Robbie, and Michael and family
Carolyn was a very special and caring lady. She would always give me a call to check up on me and share the news. I loved our times together for tea. Both Bud and I will miss her very much.*

*Sincere condolences
Peggy & Buddy Yates*

Peggy Yates - September 05, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DB

*Shauna, Robbie, and Michael
I don't have to tell you how much we loved your mother and Grandmother. She has been in our lives for over 45 years and they were the best of times. You couldn't ask for a better friend. She will always be with us. May she be at peace.*

*Our deepest condolences
Donna & Bob Bonnelly*

Donna Bonnelly - September 05, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BB

Shauna, Robbie, and Michael

Your mom (grandmother) was a wonderful neighbour and friend and will be sadly missed. We were fortunate to have Carol and John as our next door neighbours, giving us 40 years of great memories. We will miss her humour and presence "on the street". Know that we feel your loss and offer our deepest sympathy.

Brenda & Tom

Brenda Belliveau - September 05, 2025 at 10:05 PM