



Carolyn Love Rider

September 25, 1942 - November 6, 2024

Carolyn Love Rider, aged 82, passed away on November 6, 2024. Born on September 25, 1942. She was known for her kind and happy demeanor, and she took great pride in her self-sufficiency throughout her life. Carolyn dedicated 30 years to the Alexandria City Public School System, where she worked as a food server, nurturing generations of students with her warmth and care. Her early education was at the Lynchburg Rehabilitation Center in Lynchburg, VA, where she learned the trade of food service, setting the foundation for her lifelong career. A woman of faith, Carolyn was an active member of Christian Fellowship in Alexandria, VA, where she found solace and community. Her hobbies included playing rummy and solitaire, and she cherished her teenage years when she learned to paint. Several of her paintings were hung proudly in her home. Carolyn loved camping and playing bingo with her friends at the Claridge House in Alexandria, where she lived for the last 20 years of her life. Carolyn leaves behind a loving family including her sisters, Sandy Riley, Phyllis Rider and Joanne Knott, as well as 8 nieces and nephews, 15 grand nieces and nephews, and 1 great grandniece. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest R. and Myrtle L. Rider, and her sisters, Janice S. Rider and Brenda R. Peterson. In lieu of services, those wishing to honor Carolyn's memory can make contributions to Meals on Wheels of Alexandria, an organization she respected. Carolyn's legacy of kindness and community service will continue to inspire others.