



Carole Tonkins

July 3, 1927 - May 4, 2024

Carole Patricia Arnett Tonkins, daughter of the late Louis and Carrie Belle Oldham Arnett, departed this life on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Patty was born July 3, 1927 in Clarinda, Iowa, the sixth of nine children. Patty graduated from Clarinda High School, Clarinda, IA in 1945. After graduation Patty attended the University of Iowa and graduated with a B.A. in speech Pathology. Later, she pursued a M.A. degree, attending Syracuse University and Loyola College.

Patty began her career as a Speech Pathologist in the Kansas City Public School system. Her adventurous spirit led her to take international assignments in Sagamihara, Japan, and Frankfurt, Germany during the late 1950s. She was an avid traveler, exploring many countries and states in the U.S. In the early 1960s she moved to Baltimore, MD, where she worked for the Baltimore City Public Schools until her retirement in 1991.

On October 2, 1965, Sam Tonkins and Carole Patricia Arnett married and had a daughter, Marsha Jean Tonkins. In retirement, Patty became involved in various local community groups and held different roles on the board of her beloved Morgan Park Improvement Association and Morgan Park Garden Club. She cherished spending time with family, close friends, and especially her grandson Max, great and grand nieces and nephews and children in the

neighborhood. Patty enjoyed gardening, befriended the library staff at her local branches and loved celebrating her birthday on July 3 and extending it to the 4th of July.

She is survived by her daughter, Marsha Tonkins; one grandson Maximilian Nathaniel Tonkins-Silvie; nieces and nephews Eleanor J. Brown, Antoinette J, Vionnet, George W. Jones Jr., Enid Ward Valentine, Caren Danies, Louis, Maria and Lisa Arnett and many great and grand nieces, nephews, extended family and dedicated friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carole Tonkins.



May 13, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Kevin, La Shana, Phillip and Phil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carole Tonkins.

Kevin, La Shana, Phillip and Phil - May 13, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 11, 2024 at 10:58 AM