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## Obituary

Marsha Marion Carruthers (Mills), was born on January 20, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA and was raised on a beautiful farm in New Bethlehem, PA with her parents, James and Geraldine Mills (Huffman) and six siblings: Christina (Deedee), Gerrie, Gloria, Mary, Jamie, and James (Jim). Marsha loved working outside on the farm and making lots of memories with her family. She graduated from Redbank Valley HS and went off to college to study elementary education at Clarion State College (now University).

During college, she met the love of her life, David Arthur Carruthers, formerly of Bellwood, PA while working at Town and Country department store. They married on April 18, 1964 and started a family; their daughter, Geri Beth, was born. Marsha taught 1st grade at Bellwood ES for four years and then she and Dave moved to Maryland in 1969 where they had accepted teaching positions with Montgomery County Public Schools. Marsha was a very dedicated employee; she taught at Clarksburg ES for 35 years.

Marsha was also an extremely dedicated, devoted, and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend. She loved to have fun and always provided unconditional love, support, and encouragement to everyone in her life. Marsha loved to "come home to the farm" during holidays and summer; she was always entertaining with laughter and song. She and Dave were a true partnership, building their dream home on Bill Moxley Road together (literally from the ground up), creating a haven of fellowship and love for so many. You could always count on Marsha for a delicious home cooked meal and always something sweet, that's how she got her nickname "Sweets" from Dave. Marsha loved to entertain; their home was always open and inviting, housing multiple gatherings and reunions, something she passed on to her daughter Geri Beth. Marsha spent a majority of her Friday nights in the stands and/or on the sidelines of Linganore, Urbana, and Chambersburg High Schools supporting Dave as "Mrs. Coach" and cheering on all of those football players year after year. She would wait for Dave after the game was over and give him his



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congratulatory hug and kiss. These were special years for Marsha (and Dave), forming wonderful lifelong friendships with so many.

After retirement from MCPS, she loved helping her daughter Geri Beth and son-in-law, Mike Chavez with their family. Marsha would provide child care by putting her four granddaughters Lindsay, Jessica, Noelle, and Hannah on the bus a couple of mornings a week or picking them up after school, always with a yummy snack and drink. She loved telling them stories, dancing, singing songs, building forts, or just being silly. Marsha absolutely loved attending all of her granddaughters' theatrical performances, games, meets... wherever they were, Marsha was there cheering them on. She was a most generous and loving grandmother; she loved spending time with them, shopping, making all kinds of memories, and of course baking cookies! She also loved working on puzzles, gardening, and going to the beach.

In addition to Marsha's interests, JESUS was (and is now) the center of it all! She loved everything and anything about JESUS and wanted everyone to know Him as their personal Savior. She loved praying, reading the bible, going to Christian concerts, listening to Christian music, and sharing all about JESUS. She wanted this to be her legacy.

Marsha went to be with our Lord on Friday, January 8, 2021. She died at home in Littlestown, PA, surrounded and visited by her loving family after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Marsha is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 57 years, David Arthur Carruthers, her daughter and son-in-law, Geri Beth and Michael Chavez, grandchildren Lindsay and Patrick Riley, Jessica Chavez, Noelle Chavez, Hannah Chavez, and great grandchildren Lavon and Claire. She was preceded in death by her oldest sister, Christina Button.

Funeral services will take place at Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center, 9501 Catocin Mountain Hwy. in Frederick on Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 1:00 pm. Due to COVID, services are private and attendance is limited. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Parkinson's Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)

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RB

**Rev. Albert K. Lane, Iii (Bert)** posted:

To the Geri Beth, Mike and family:Dayna and I were very sorry to learn of the death of Geri Beth's mother. We extend our sympathy to you. May God grant you peace and comfort in your loss.Bert Lane

January 15 at 5:28 AM

TK

**Terrie Kempisty** posted:

Mr. Carruthers, Geri Beth & Mike & Family, We send our deepest sympathy to you all. Marsha was such a wonderful and loving person. I have such fond memories of Marsha always laughing, such a fun person to be around, those wonderful chocolate chip cookies, our families vacations to Ocean City, visiting the old house on Watkins Rd. & the cool new house when you moved, years of visiting on Christmas Eve. Rest In Peace Marsha you were the best! Keeping the family in our thoughts & prayers.

January 13 at 7:56 PM

TH

**Tim Hibbs** posted:

Coach:Sending prayers to you and your family. Tim Hibbs

January 13 at 8:31 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Marsha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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