



Carolyn Sue Hawkins

June 29, 1941 - August 3, 2011

Pendleton - Carolyn "Sue" Yeagley Hawkins, 70, Pendleton, passed away August 3, 2011 at St. Johns Health System, Anderson Indiana after a sudden illness. She was born June 29, 1941 in Anderson, Indiana, and resided in this area most of her life. Sue was a meat wrapper at Safeway Foods. She was a member of the Anderson Order of Eastern Star. Sue is survived by her husband, of 29 years, Paul Hawkins; children, Donna Swanson John of Columbus, Darrell Ellis Cora of Anderson, Sam Hawkins Christina of Anderson and Jimmy Hawkins of Muncie; brother, Ron Yeagley of Anderson; sister, Marlene Hodson of Redondo Beach, California; grandchildren, Dawn Torres, Johnathon Swanson, Clifford Ellis, Austin Hawkins, Cheyenne Ellis, Brittany Hawkins, Roselynn Hawkins, and Jarrod Hawkins; great grandchildren, Dillon & Zack Torres and Eli & Taylor Ellis and special friends, Almeda & Earlene. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles "Ish" & Rose Gourley Yeagley; grandsons, Sammy Hawkins and James Hawkins and granddaughter, Abigale Hawkins. Visitation will be from 2-6:00 PM on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Monday, August 8, 2011 at 11:30 AM, at the funeral home, with Mark Murphy officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. www.LooseCares.com

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“ Part 1: Sue was very much like a second mother to me. I know that growing up I spent as much time at Darrell’s house and elsewhere around the USA under Sue’s supervision and guidance as I did at my own house. Thus, I suppose I’ve known Sue as family for over 45 years. One of my first memories I can recall is how beautiful I thought Darrell’s mom was. Everyone knows that I follow beauty around, and she certainly was strikingly beautiful then, and still now, as when I last saw her smiling and giving me a hug a few days ago. As time grew on, I found that her inner beauty was even more remarkable than the exterior.

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“ Part 2: Sue and her family were very generous to me growing up. I was treated as one of their own. They provided to me what I considered “Nicer things” that for one reason or another, my parents and family could not provide. Vacation trips to St Louis, Mississippi, New Orleans, and Destin Beach Florida, all while staying at true to life hotels, with beds and swimming pools and showers. I had only known tent and trailer camping before those trips and find it intriguing and even more interesting today since I travel and live in hotels for IBM as a living now. It certainly was another memory that I felt important and shaped me as I grew older.

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“ Part 3: Staying in nice hotels did not imply that Sue did not know how to get her hands dirty. Sue and family annually took me to Reelfoot Lake, TN for fishing trips. We would climb into a small steel fishing boat and catch as many as 100 fish a day in the boat. Sue held her own with the daily contest to see who could catch the most fish, and taught me some of the finer techniques in fishing. We learned on one of these trips to always take a note with permission to go to the hospital, on future trips, because as Darrell and I were boys, we occasionally had to be stitched up. Those trips as a kid taught me more than I can describe to anyone about nature, life, and tranquility

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“ Part 4: We all know Sue was a big racecar fan. Well, Sue also introduced me to racing. Along with Darrell, I had many trips to the Indianapolis 500 race track. I actually got to witness A.J. Foyt winning a race with Sue and Darrell by my side giving me high fives as A.J. went around the track. We also went to many dirt tracks, Anderson speedway, ovals in Winchester, and anywhere else we could find those fast cars moving around the track. I don't think anyone today has to question how big of a race car fan I am now. Sue's enthusiasm for racing sparked her to become the national chair person for the Pancho Carter fan club and for me to be one of the biggest race fans in the country

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“ Part 5: Heaven will know how great of a cook and provider Sue is. I am sure Darrell, Donna, and I did not question mom’s ability to provide food, but as I grow older and know the costs they sacrificed to have me in their loving realm, I know it had to be a struggle. I can really eat some food, and I never turned down Darrell’s invitations for Staying a weekend night, staying a weekday night, or tagging along for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Halloween, or whatever holiday it was that would allow me to get some of Sue’s treats: Baked goods, Macaroni, Meatloaf, Bacon-n-Beans, and all topped off with some of the finest peanut butter fudge a soul have ever tasted.

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“ I know Sue loved me as much as I did her, but I probably did not tell her I loved her as much as I should have. She gave all these wonderful gifts to me, without ever asking for anything from me other than a hug goodbye as I left. Not too long ago, Sue and Paul came over to my house for a Superbowl party and I am sure she finally got to see some of her investment in me paying off, and I can only hope she witnessed that I try to live as she did, and give to those around me as freely as I possibly can. But I can only strive to be as much of an influence and provider to those around me now, as she was to me. Sue always liked to chuckle and tell me a lil’ story about the way I would hang onto her tightly around her leg as a very little kid and scream and cry that I did not want to leave when it was time to go. Can you blame me? I don’t want her to go now either.

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