



## Carol Roark

January 20, 1943 - April 13, 2021

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Carol Ann Roark, age 78, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Rock Island Village Assisted Living in Eldon, Mo.

Carol was born on January 20, 1943 in Jefferson City, Mo., the daughter of Cecil and Helen (Aegerter) Luper. She was married on December 18, 1970 in Jefferson City, Mo. to Donald Roark who preceded her in death on May 31, 2020.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Carol was a 1961 graduate of Jefferson City High School and during her high school years she was honored as the Marcullus Queen. She later received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and Master's Degree in Counseling from Lincoln University.

Education was her great passion. Carol taught English at Centertown, Jamestown, Simonsen and retired as a counselor from Jefferson City High School after nearly 30 years in education. She was proud to help pioneer the At-Risk Program at Jefferson City High School to help students graduate and thrive. Even after retirement, she continued to serve JCPS, working with the Marcullus Court and tutoring children at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. During many of those years as an educator, she also worked with her husband, Don, at their real estate business.

She supported various animal care organizations, was a member of the Historic City of Jefferson and enjoyed Bible study with friends at Church of Christ, Grace Episcopal and First Baptist. Carol was an avid reader and enjoyed her involvement in two local book clubs.

Carol loved working outdoors in her garden most of all, and she spent many hours making it into a paradise. She took long antiquing trips with friends all over the Midwest, and she always enjoyed traveling to Texas, California, Florida, and Michigan to visit friends and her daughters. Lake of the Ozarks held a very special place in her heart, and she treasured memories of the good times filled with laughter and music. For many years, she and her husband ran Moniteau Traders, an antique emporium in her hometown of Jamestown, Mo.

Survivors include: two daughters, Anastasia Foster of Santa Monica, Ca. and Alexandra Skornia of Kirkwood, Mo.; one son, Craig Roark of Kansas City, Mo.; and five grandchildren, Madeline Roark, Blake Skornia, Mason Skornia, Caroline Skornia and Ford Foster.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of almost 50 years, Don.

Visitation will be held at Freeman Mortuary from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2021. A Celebration of Carol's Life will follow her visitation at 1:00 p.m. Friday in the Freeman Chapel with Celebrant Gara Loskill officiating. Private graveside services and interment will be held at Union Cemetery in Jamestown, Mo. at a later time.

A webcast of her service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday for friends that are not able to attend by going to the "photos and videos" tab of this page and scrolling down to the webcasting link.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Jefferson City Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 2195, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102 to start a scholarship in Carol's name to help students pursuing a career in education.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Freeman Mortuary.