



Carolyn Hudgins

June 10, 1931 - April 11, 2026

Carolyn Hudgins, 94, of New Bloomfield passed away peacefully in her sleep April 11, 2026 with her loving husband Horace by her side.

Carolyn was born in Uniontown, PA on June 10, 1931, the first of two children born to Harold L. Conaway and Gladys C. Conaway. The arrival of her brother, Ed, completed their family in 1937. She spent her childhood years in Uniontown and she carried her love of the green rolling hills of Pennsylvania with her throughout her life. Some of her fondest childhood memories involved her adventures with her brother in their father's greenhouse and their grandfather's ice factory.

In 1943, Carolyn's family relocated to Wyandotte, MI, and she would live in and around Wyandotte for nearly 80 years. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1949 and attended Wayne State University. Carolyn held a variety of jobs over her career including her first at the grand J.L. Hudson Co. department store in downtown Detroit, which always held a special place in her heart. In the mid-1970s, Carolyn accepted a job at Security Bank and Trust in Southgate, MI, where she worked for nearly 20 years before retiring.

Carolyn married the love of her life, Horace M. Hudgins, on September 9, 1950 and together they shared love, joy, laughter and tears for an astonishing 75 years. Horace and Carolyn had two children, Debra and Douglas, whom

they raised to value compassion and kindness for others.

Carolyn's overarching passion in life was her dedication and service to her church, First United Methodist Church of Wyandotte, and the love she had for her church family. She became a member of the church soon after her family first moved to Michigan, and she was proud to be the church's most senior living member. Throughout her life she was actively involved in all aspects of church life—from serving on committees to community outreach to teaching Sunday School and bible study classes to singing and playing handbells in the church choirs. The dinners she would organize and cook for outside organizations as church fundraisers are still the stuff of legend in Wyandotte.

Carolyn and Horace moved to New Bloomfield, PA, in 2021 to live with their son Douglas and his wife Mikki. Nevertheless, Carolyn retained a strong bond with her church community in Michigan, streaming each Sunday's service on YouTube and maintaining regular communication with her many cherished friends. After returning to Pennsylvania, she particularly enjoyed drives around Central PA in the Spring time when she could watch the hills and countryside she loved bloom and turn green each year.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Gladys Conaway. She is survived by her husband, Horace Hudgins, of New Bloomfield, PA; her brother, H. Edward Conaway (Karen) of Traverse City, MI; her two children Debra Lindsay-Hudgins (Doug Lindsay) of Palmer, AK; and Douglas Hudgins (Mikki) of New Bloomfield, PA; her four grandchildren Brittany Hudgins of Reston, VA; Ian Hudgins (Samantha) of Providence, RI; Nathan Hudgins of Shippensburg, PA; and Ella Hudgins of Lafayette, IN; and 5 loving nieces and nephews.

Carolyn's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden at the First United Methodist Church of Wyandotte, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those

wishing to express their appreciation of Carolyn's life are asked to make a donation to the charity of their choice that serves the needs of the marginalized in our society.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Hudgins Family.