



Carolyn Mae McCance

January 20, 1948 - October 14, 2025

Princeton - Carolyn Mae McCance, lovingly known as "Tuff" by those who knew her best, passed away on October 14, 2025 surrounded by family. Born in Quincy, Illinois on January 20, 1948, to the late Merritt Richard and Norma Jane (Bayles) Yelton, Carolyn lived a life filled with love, laughter, and a deep devotion to her family.

A 1966 graduate of Bardolph High School, Carolyn went on to marry the love of her life, Gerald Kent McCance, on June 12, 1970. Together they built a beautiful life and shared countless adventures.

In her younger years, Carolyn worked for Vaughn & Bushnell. After moving to Princeton in 1982, she began her long and dedicated career at Jostens which is now MTM, where she worked from 1984 until her retirement in 2021.

Carolyn had a heart as big as her smile. She loved horses, scenic motorcycle trips with her family, and spending time with those she loved most. Her happiest moments were watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their events, or catching up with her friends over lunch with "the girls."

She is survived by her two daughters: Lisa (James) Boyd of Princeton, IL, and Mary "Libby" McCance-Hackney of Eureka, IL; ten grandchildren: Megan (Justin) Zirbes, Alexis Fox, Mason McCance, Kandi (David) Baker, Abram

McCance-Hackney, Norah McCance-Hackney, Shandi Boyd, Charisma Boyd, James Boyd Jr., and Vinnie Boyd; and seven great-grandchildren: Jace Franklin, Dante Baker, Millie Zirbes, Rita, Remi and Renegade Carter, and Elijah Boyd.

Also surviving are her siblings: Bonnie Marshall, Jane (Don) Westermeyer, Barb Knell, Russell Aaron "Butch" (Teri) Yelton, and Ina (Mike) Hammond; and sisters-in-law: Peggy Kirby, Glenna Emmert, Janet Draughan, and Robin Ebbert.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Gerald, sister Nina Mossagie, niece Jodi Yelton, and brothers-in-law Dave Marshall, Donald Waller, Jack Kirby, Dean Ebbert, and Harv Draughan.

Carolyn also held a special love for her four loyal dogs - Mandy, Otis, Milo, and Lola - who brought her endless joy through the years.

A visitation for Carolyn will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

Funeral Service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Norbergs, with Pastor Darin Jones.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Family.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Mae McCance.*



October 25, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Tuff was my first cousin. After my father, Robert (Bob) Bayles died in 1960 my brothers and I lost touch with the Bayles family. I do remember a couple of get together in Rushville. Tuff was my favorite cousin to hang out with. Always looked forward to seeing her. Very sorry to hear from cousin Barb that she had passed away. Danny Bayles Apache Junction AZ.*

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Danny Bayles - October 18, 2025 at 05:03 PM



My deepest condolences to my classmate Lisa, the young woman I walked with in graduation. Also my condolences to Libby, a woman who I have never forgotten. Your mother was a very special lady I know. I will keep you both in my prayers 🙏.

Gerald Whitney Eckard - October 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM



I am saddened to hear of the loss of my Blessings Hospital nurse mate and cousin Carolyn Mae. Although she was best known by her nickname of "Tuff" it certainly was not aligned with her kind and gentle spirit. I trust you will all be comforted by the legacy of love she left for all of you in your hearts. She now wears a crown with many jewels and awaits to welcome all of you home some day. Marlyn Kay Webster Schmidt

Marlyn Kay (Webster)Schmidt - October 25, 2025 at 05:58 PM