



## Carol Jean Najzer

February 26, 1941 - April 11, 2021

Carol Jean Najzer, age 80, of Portage passed away at 2:34 a.m., Sunday, April 11, 2021, at her home with her family right beside her.

She was born on Wednesday, February 26, 1941, in Gary, Indiana to the late Elizabeth (Kennedy) Fairbarin and Homer Purdy. In 1976, in Portage she married Julius Najzer, whom she preceded in death.

Carol was known for her love for cooking, camping, quilting, her flowers, and her love for helping people. Whenever someone was over, she always made sure they left with a full stomach. She had a heart of gold.

For over 20 years Carol would hold weekly bible studies with members from the former Portage Christian Fellowship Church.

She had worked at Fegley Middle School cafeteria, The Blaze Drive, and home babysitting.

She loved having family over for all the holidays and hosting different events. She also loved her 5 grandcats; Anniversary, Yellow, Michael, Cooney and Mike.

Surviving are her husband, Julius Najzer of Portage; two sons, Julius A Najzer of Portage; and Ted (Ashley) Najzer of Portage; granddaughter, Destiny

Williams of Paxton; sister Judy Wenzel; all her nieces: Karen (Chris) Cohoon; Kathy Wenzel; Rhonda (Jamie) Cross; Carolyn Winandy; Mariah (John) Weltner; Laura Testani; Jodi Purdy; all her nephews: Jimmer (Lynn) Wenzel; David Wenzel; Steve Wenzel; Daniel Wenzel; Allen Wenzel; Mike Winandy; Billy Winandy; Ed Mitchell; Tim (Julie) Purdy; Sean Purdy; Raymond (Stephanie) Purdy; Jeremy (Angel) Goings; cousins Lisa (Dave) Zottneck; Sharon Shalerno; Sandra Simons; Sheri (Eric) Egolf; Denise Richmond; and best friend Sherry (John) Spychaj. Extended family including: Jason (April) Chontos; Stephanie (Ricky) Chontos-Perrine; and Mellissa (Evan) Potts. And the rest of her family. Not to forget all her friends who to Carol, were all her family.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Russell) Fairbarin, Homer Purdy; sisters Virginia (Bill) Winandy; Donna Mae (Butch) Mitchell; brothers Homer (Ellen) Purdy; Warren Purdy; Larry (Rue) Purdy; and Don Purdy.

Visitation for Carol will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:30 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Interment at McCool Cemetery in Portage. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com). She loved her faith in Jesus and her family.

# Cemetery Details

## McCool Cemetery

2700 McCool Rd.  
Portage, IN 46368

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
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## Funeral Service

APR 14. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed holiday celebrations (Thanksgiving, Christmas, sometimes Easter,) in my younger days & early marriage days. We always had a lot of fun & left with a full stomach & leftovers to take home.

(Lori) Laurel Van Black Hensel, (Kurt) - May 03, 2021 at 11:08 AM

WB

“ Carol was one of a kind. Kind to everyone she meet. This world was a better place because of her. I will miss our phone calls. Our long talks. I loved her as you would love a sister. Heaven got an angel.

Wilma Davidson Bush - April 14, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AN

“ Well Carol, what is there to say. There is so much. You welcomed me into your family and made me feel at home. I'll miss our morning coffee time. It was nice to just sit and talk about our days and you tell me stories about growing up. I'll always remember you telling me the story about hearing Michael Jackson when you lived close to where they were performing. The cats and I will always miss you. I love got Carol



Ashley Najzer - April 14, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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Love you both

(Lori) Laurel Van Black Hensel, (Kurt) - May 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM

SP

“ You Auntie Carol, are proof that Angels walk among us. You were a major part in my childhood. I remember swimming, your orange cookie jar, camping, and so many other wonderful memories. You opened your arms and home to all. I am sad that God took you home, and will miss you like crazy. There will always be an empty space in my heart, in my soul without you. Love you so much!! Until we meet again....

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**Stephanie Perrine** - April 13, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Najzer.



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April 13, 2021 at 05:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Najzer.



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April 13, 2021 at 12:30 AM

SS

“ Dear Cousin Carol So sorry you had to leave you will truly be miss by family and friends. You ar with our father in heaven he will take care of all the pain you want through. I have so many memories of us when we were young the funniest was the metal lunch box incident

When we talked a few months ago we talked about it and laughed so hard. Rest in peace cousin Love Sandr Pryle Simons

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**Sandra Pryle Simons** - April 12, 2021 at 08:36 PM

LZ

Can not think about you with out thinking of Julius. God blessed you with your perfect mate . You and Julius were a perfect reflection of each other. Julius like you took care of his mother,father,sister,nephew, and never turn away the countless other who needed a home.Julius like you worked to provide for all the needs and wants of his family and others . I smile as I think of the joy you get from giving children candy



As my heart breaks for Carol it breaks even more for Julius who has lost his reflection.Julius we love Carol and we also love you. Thank you for being the husband ,father,and friend that you are .love you Lisa

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**Lisa Zottneck** - April 13, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Najzer.



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April 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Najzer.



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April 12, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Aunt Carol was there for me during the hardest time of my life. When I was a lost, confused and angry teenager she showed me what home and family was when i needed it. I will always love her. Thank you Aunt Carol, you have made a powerful and positive impact on my life.

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**Allen Wenzel** - April 12, 2021 at 02:47 PM



*I loved my cousin Carol; she was close to my mother Audrey and her kids, me being the oldest. I remember Carol celebrating many Thanksgivings & Christmases with our families through the years. I watched as Tony & Ted became adolescents & then adults. I loved Carol's good cheer.*

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**Laurel (Lori Van Black) and Kurt Hensel** - April 12, 2021 at 03:15 PM



*I see Gods finger prints on you: My mother died and my sister and I was taken to Audrey Van Blacks home she raised Sherri and I and and loved us with a heart of a mother . Before Audrey Went to heaven she asked Carol to watch over us . Carol kept her promise and picked up the mantle that God has blessed on my life and for 30 years Carol played an active roll in my life , more than a cousin , she became a mother,sister,and best friend.  
Your life reflects the heart of are Heavenly Father and you have brought Glory to him . Now my friend you get to enjoy all the goodness of God. I will see you soon but until then my heart will long for your companionship .Love you,Lisa*

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**Lisa Zottneck** - April 13, 2021 at 12:06 AM