

HAGERSTOWN - Carolyn Marie Suman, 80 years old, was born August 6, 1941, and passed to her heavenly home on December 14, 2021, at Doey's House in Hagerstown, MD. Carolyn was the daughter of W. Lee and Carrie Sterling of Williamsport, MD. She is survived by her husband and soulmate William Suman of Williamsport, MD. Carolyn grew up on the family farm on Sterling Road with six siblings. She met Bill the summer after her freshman year in college. After her college graduation they married on July 7, 1963 and settled into their first home on Bower Avenue. A few years later they



built their dream house on Sterling Road. Carolyn never lived more than a quarter mile from her parents. Carolyn graduated from South Hagerstown High School in 1960. She was also a graduate of Frostburg State College and received two Masters' degrees in English and Sociology from Shippensburg State College. Carolyn taught English at South High from 1963 - 1968. She then went to work for the State of Maryland as a teacher at MCI. She ended her 32-year career as principal of the education and college programs at MCTC. Carolyn had a strong faith and was a former member of the First Baptist Church and the West End Baptist Chapel in Hagerstown. She had a heart for missions and contributed to missionary-friends in Haiti and Africa for more than 50 years. She was a member of several local and state organizations. Upon retirement, she recruited Bill to join her in volunteering for many years at AJA, Hospice, and the Auxiliary at the Western Maryland Hospital. They both enjoyed traveling. Two favorite vacations were a 14-day trip to Alaska and a trip to Finland to visit Marko Huttunen who they had hosted to study his senior year at Williamsport High School. She looked forward to their annual trips in October and November to Massaratten

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Resort in Virginia. They entertained family and friends on weekends and enjoyed spending time with long-time friends through the week. November was the week she baked hundreds of Christmas cookies for family and friends. Carolyn, Bill, and their friends also looked forward to the MCEA conventions in Ocean City each year. Their gang—the "Mudfudruckers" spent many good times together...enough said. Carolyn was the "unofficial president" and charter member of the Bunco Babes. She tried to enforce the rules and keep 12 women in line at the monthly games. Carolyn is survived by her devoted family—husband Bill; brother Ralph Sterling (Brenda); sisters Sheryl Ebersole (Dick) and Christine Banzhoff (Amos); sisters-in-law Barbara Sterling and Sharon Sterling; and several nieces and nephews. Also, a special niece, Jenel Keller (Troy and Camryn) who was her sidekick and often-times confidant. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Lee Sterling, Jr. and John Sterling; and sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth (Susie) and Robert Myers. Also, her father and mother-in-law Clarence and Agnes Suman; sister and brother-in-law Madaline (Maddie) and Oscar Andrews; and brother-in-law Clarence (Juny) Suman. Carolyn will always be remembered for caring about others and giving of her time and resources. She lived a full and happy life between her dashes. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to: Doey's House, 11370 Caring Pathway Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21742 and the Community Foundation of Washington County, 37 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. The family is grateful for the excellent care Carolyn received at the Williamsport Rehab Center and Meritus Medical Center, 4 East and 4 South. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: www.minnichfh.com