



Reeda Throgmorton Slusher

June 20, 1944 - December 8, 2020

Reeda Throgmorton Slusher, 76, of Carmel, Indiana, went home to Jesus Tuesday, December 8, 2020, due to complications from COVID-19.

Born June 20, 1944, in Kansas City, MO, Reeda was the only child of Reed Downing Throgmorton and Cora Elizabeth Hendricks. Little Reeda enjoyed the attention of her many older half-siblings and entertained them with her amusing antics. She once attempted to ride her tricycle down a steep hill while standing on the seat. This earned her the nickname “Dangerous Trick”, the very words she used when explaining what she’d been doing that led to her head-to-toe road rash.

Courage and determination proved critical when Reeda lost her father at 18. Soon after, she graduated from Paseo High School and worked her way through college where she met the love of her life, Carter C. Slusher. Once Reeda earned her bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, she went to work for Mobil Oil while Carter entered the Navy. Carter scrimped and saved to buy an engagement ring. Too excited to wait, he called Reeda with the news of his purchase. Unfortunately, his phone proposal flopped when independent Reeda turned him down. Not to be outdone he sold the ring and purchased a ticket home to KC. After days of cajoling, she finally said yes. They were married December 26th, 1967 at Westport Presbyterian Church amidst a vast array of Christmas decor. Forty one years later, Reeda decided she wanted an engagement ring after all so Carter finally got to give her one!

Reeda left the working world behind with the birth of her first child in 1972. The coming years brought two more children, as well as moves to Joplin, MO, Littleton, CO, and Carmel, IN. In each new home, she made lifelong friends as she volunteered her time generously. To name a few: She was a Girl Scout leader, a room parent, and launched Mother’s Day Out preschool programs at both First Presbyterian Church in Joplin and Columbine United Church in Littleton. There wasn’t a child, teen, or stray animal that she didn’t welcome into her home. Her motto “Everybody plays or nobody plays” reflected her passion for inclusiveness and equity.

Once her children were independent, Mrs. Reeda began teaching preschool at Trinity Wesleyan Child Care. She enjoyed her time at Trinity, but after 15 years, she left to care for her grandchildren. In addition to working, Reeda was an active member of Orchard

Park Presbyterian and enjoyed singing in the choir. She was also a member of the Mission Committee and served as the Interfaith Hospitality Network Coordinator (now called Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis) helping provide temporary shelter and hospitality to displaced families. Reeda also belonged to the Hamilton County Great Banquet community where she served in many capacities. It was through HCGB that Reeda began candidly sharing her own lifelong struggle with mental illness and the strength she drew from her relationship with her Savior Jesus. She was brave, honest, and kind in her effort to help other women deal honestly with their own struggles.

Reeda is survived by her husband, Carter C. Slusher of Carmel, Indiana, their three children, Ann Kramer (Jeff), Matthew C. Slusher, and Laura Fitzgerald (Patrick), as well as her precious grandchildren, Sadie, Wilson, Matt, Gideon, and Lydia. She will be desperately missed by all who love her, friends and family alike.

A celebration of Reeda's life and legacy is being tentatively planned for June 20, 2021 (her birthday) Covid permitting. Please let the family know if you are interested in attending by emailing annk72@outlook.com and we will be certain to let you know once the plans have been solidified. In the meantime, the family asks that those who wish to express their condolences through material means make a memorial contribution in Reeda's name to Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis. Contributions can be made online at fpgi.org/donate or by mail: FPGI, 1850 Arsenal Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218 (noting her name under memo).

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“ Reeda was an angel to me when I was going through my divorce from a very abusive man. She was always there for me for holidays, when my two daughters, Elizabeth and Julie were away with their dad, and she always managed to make me laugh. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Once, we went to the movies together to see *Sense and Sensability*. She warned me ahead that she had a loud laugh, and she hoped it wouldn't embarrass me--of course, it did not! We had a pact to watch *The Quiet Man* every St. Patrick's Day at her house, and laugh at all the great Irish humor in that movie. We'd have tea together. She loved frogs, and she'd pour our tea out of her froggy teapot. I recall I made her a frog-themed quilt and sent it to her. Because we lost touch, and I moved away to Avon, I was not aware of her passing. I hope her family knows what a blessing she was to me, and how very much I loved her for all her kindness, warmth compassion, and support she gave me. Today is Feb. 29th, 2024, and I was driving to work, and suddenly she was in my thoughts. Then I pulled up behind a car with a Colorado license plate, and I kept seeing her smiling face in my mind's eye. I remembered how she missed Colorado, and couldn't ever get warm in Indiana, with our humidity in the wintertime. So, maybe she was smiling at me from Heaven this morning, as I was praying in my car on the way to work. At my desk, I decided to look her up first thing on my PC, and I found this. May God bless Laura, Carter, and all her family with memories of dearest Reeda today! With Love in Christ Jesus, Joan E. Ross, Avon, Indiana

Joan E Ross - February 29, 2024 at 08:53 AM

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“ Carter, very sorry to hear of Reeda's passing. I remember her as a faithful servant of Orchard Park. May the Lord bring peace and comfort to your family.

Gary Ziegler
Raleigh, North Carolina

Gary Ziegler - December 20, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ I enjoyed knowing Reeda through Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. She was always friendly and welcoming, a beautiful soul. My deepest sympathies go to Carter and to Laura and Patrick, along with the rest of the family. Blessings to you. Patty Rice Shuler

PATRICIA SHULER - December 20, 2020 at 08:07 AM



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