

# **CUDDLES**

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Dedicated to my main squeeze Carol

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**Cuddles is such an appropriate name  
for Carol, who's always been so game  
to work or play or show a smile  
or walk and talk with me a mile.**

**Nicknamed "Smiley" by her peers  
after years of silent tears  
before into her life I came  
and brought her poems to bring her fame.**

**She raised three children on her own  
when her Ex had left the home  
and piled on her tax debts so deep  
softly then, she did so weep.**

**All that changed one day in May  
A man of God came in to play.  
Our hands did touch, a fuse was lit,  
dead hope revived, Faith didn't quit!**

**By June I'd vowed to never leave  
and to her only I would cleave.  
more closely than she'd ever thought  
God such love and harmony brought.**

**God caused our lonely paths to cross  
and took away the years of dross  
and all the aching loneliness,  
God, our lives, did surely bless**

**with opened eyes to clearly see,  
His plans for our lives to so be  
so well blended, intertwined  
with fellowship and love divine,**

**for dreams fulfilled, so marvelous, sweet  
far beyond all our hopes so meek.  
Four weeks after we met she wore  
a ring that bode of love and more.**

**But when I heard of her nickname  
I sought another name as game  
to clearly tell the mounting joy  
she'd brought to heart of this man-boy,**

**The years of yearning for that touch  
of someone who'd care for me so much  
and love me midst the cold and rain  
or thorns of circumstantial pain,**

**Cuddles became her name for me,  
'cause she caused me to so see  
how God had blessed our years of tears  
with hope alive for future years.**

**Desires fulfilled, companionship,  
'til the sun in our lives dips,  
hands we hold as we walk to the store  
hands we'll hold along life's shore**

**and gaze across the waves of life,  
hands we'll hold as storms of strife  
at times do blow outside the door  
of inner peace and joy and more.**

**"Smiley" became her name at work  
because of joys not hid on earth  
as love fulfilled with harmony  
became God's touch of purity.**

**And yet because her gentle touch  
has come to mean so very much,  
"Cuddles" became an appropriate name  
that fit so well because she's game**

**for cuddles reserved for me alone  
until we come before His Throne  
and do kneel there in worship sweet  
love fulfilled beyond the deep.**

**Cuddles is now her new nickname  
for Carol, my mate, my wife is game  
to travel this road of life with me  
to face the future that we see,**

**with smiles assured, with God in mind  
such harmony, we'll surely find,  
with grace and love, with all the flame,  
Cuddles is such an appropriate name.**