



Carol A. Willett

May 21, 1936 - August 15, 2020

Carol Ann Willett, loving wife, mother of five children, grandmother of twelve and great grandmother of five, passed away at the age of 84 on Saturday, August 15, 2020. She was born on May 21, 1936 in St. Joseph Missouri the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (McLaughlin) DeNeen.

She received her teaching degree from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS where she met her husband, Joe. They were married on August 23, 1958 and they started their lives together living in Kansas City before moving up to Michigan in 1961. In 1990 they relocated to San Francisco, before finally moving to Florida in 1995. Carol's greatest pride and joy was her family. It was her greatest accomplishment. She drew great pleasure from family and had endless love for them. She spent many hours with her grandchildren playing school and teaching them Mini-Society. Everyone always knew how proud she was of them.

Throughout her career, Carol was a talented teacher who cared deeply for her students. She loved to travel and was fortunate to have been able to visit many wonderful places. Their cottage on Lake Charlevoix was her favorite and held a very special place in her heart.

Carol will be profoundly missed by her family and friends. Survivors include her beloved husband, Joseph; daughters, Teresa (Walt) Sterneman, Linda

(Steve) Lucas, Anne (Kevin) Sharkey, Kathleen Willett; son, David (Melanie) Willett; grandchildren, Kevin, Carolyn (Dexter), Bryan, Andy, Stephanie, Mary Kate, Emily, Claire, Luc, Megan, Gus (Mary), and Katie; and great grandchildren, Evelyn, Lucas, Luna, Karl, and Meg. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James DeNeen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave N., Naples, FL 34108. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the mass will be private for family but can be viewed by <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass> where it will be live streamed.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made in her memory to Catholic Charities, or the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol A. Willett*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Carol was a very special lady and I always admired how close she was to my dear friend, Kathy, and her daughter, Megan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Willett family and may your fond memories of Carol comfort you in the days ahead.*
Love,
Laurie, Denny, and Mary-Catherine

Laurie O' Brien - August 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *What wonderful memories we have of Carol and the family as neighbors and then with frequent visits thereafter. Carol had a great sense of humor, loved a good time, valued education, and adored her family. Her impact and values will continue through the lives of her children and grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Joe, and your entire family. We will be watching the services via live streaming tomorrow. With love, Charlie and Eleanor*

Charlie & Eleanor Barr - August 19, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you, Joe and all your family, on Carol's death. May her joyous spirit be with you as you mourn her passing and celebrate her life. I will be with you in spirit and watching the live stream of her funeral. Carol was a dearest friend to me for 70 years! My love and prayers are with you all, Margaret Danaher D'Huyvetter.*

Margaret D'Huyvetter - August 19, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SJ

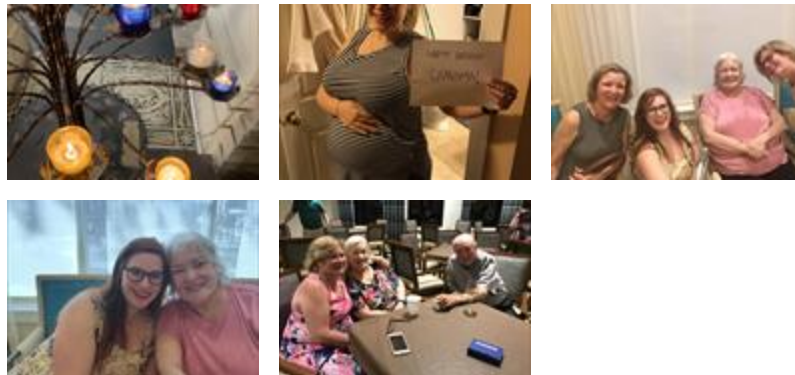
“ *Scott and Suzan DeNeen/Mary Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol A. Willett.*



Scott and Suzan DeNeen/Mary Jones - August 18, 2020 at 10:34 PM

CJ

“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



Carolyn Jin - August 18, 2020 at 05:59 PM

FF

“ *from the Reid and Quinn families purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Carol A. Willett.*



from the Reid and Quinn families - August 18, 2020 at 04:40 PM

GT

“ Our memories go back to college years and early marriage, and there was always laughter! Willets, Gentrys, and Torchia’s all ended up living in the Garden Apartments in North Kansas City, all with our first babies. All three babies would fit on one bed so we were able to visit, have dinner, or play cards. We were privileged to visit them in Detroit, San Fransico, Charlevoix, Bonita Springs, and there was always laughter! Blessings to our lifelong friends, Joe and Carol. Lovingly, Tony & Ginny

Ginny Torchia - August 18, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol A. Willett.



August 18, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carol A. Willett.



August 18, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol A. Willett.



August 18, 2020 at 11:04 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She was such a fun and loving person.

With sympathy, Dee and Tom Schoeneck

Dee Schoeneck - August 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM

TA

“ The GMI team at Abbott purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Carol A. Willett.



The GMI team at Abbott - August 18, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ Emily Sterneman sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol A. Willett



Emily Sterneman - August 17, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Emily Sterneman lit a candle in memory of Carol A. Willett



Emily Sterneman - August 17, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Carol A. Willett.



August 17, 2020 at 10:26 PM



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Emily Sterneman - August 17, 2020 at 09:55 PM