



Carol Benner

August 6, 1935 - December 31, 2024

Carol Ann Benner (nee Hill) age 89, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024 in Forest Grove, Oregon. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend who will be deeply missed.

Carol was born on August 6, 1935 in Detroit, MI. She graduated from Denby High School and went on to attend Michigan State Normal College. Carol later worked in the School of Music at the University of Michigan while her husband attended law school.

Carol lived in Detroit and surrounding suburbs for many years before the young Benner family moved to Ohio and eventually the suburbs of Milwaukee, WI. It was there that Carol spent over 40 years continuing to raise her 3 children. She became a Cub Scout Leader, Room Parent in elementary school and was very involved in her church community. For many years she worked in retail and as a Volunteer Coordinator at the local hospital.

Carol had many interests including obtaining a Master Gardener Designation, volunteer and member of the Humane Society. She supported and attended Community Theater. Carol loved to read and enjoyed vacationing in beautiful Door County Wisconsin. She also loved to decorate her home for every holiday and even made time to volunteer over 4,000 hours of her time at the local hospital.

11 years ago Carol moved to Forest Grove, Oregon to be near her daughter Teri and the youngest grandchildren. There was no greater joy to Carol than her family; she loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Carol is survived by children Steve (Janet) Benner of Lakeville, MN; Teri (Curtis) Friedl of Forest Grove, OR; her six grandchildren Grant (Ali) Benner; Allison (DJ) Carlson, Hayley (Kyle) Horsch; Devin Benner, Colin & Molly Friedl, four great-grandchildren Archie & Sylvie Carlson, Oliva & Penny Horsch, Brother in law Robert Conrad of Plymouth, Michigan, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her son Craig and her sister Patricia Conrad.

Visitation Saturday, January 18th at 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Interment will be at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan, next to her parents and sister. Arrangements made by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth, Michigan.

Memorial contributions in Carol's honor can be made to American Heart Association American Stroke Association, Post Office Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692 or a local humane society of your choice. Donation envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
46250 Ann Arbor Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170-3501
(734) 453-5252

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was Carol's massage therapist for over a decade. She was an exceptional person who was keen to the needs of others. I am grateful Teri has kept in touch with the MKE friends and service providers. Carol is one of those folks you like to keep track of in your mind.

Wanda Beals - January 18, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Benner.



January 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Benner.

January 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Kris & Kurt, Tracy & Pat, Mary & Tom purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carol Benner.



Kris & Kurt, Tracy & Pat, Mary & Tom - January 13, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ Kris & Kurt, Tracy & Pat, Mary & Tom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Benner.

Kris & Kurt, Tracy & Pat, Mary & Tom - January 13, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol Benner.



January 12, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Benner.

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“ Louise, Tom, Tracy, Paul, Migdalia purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Benner.

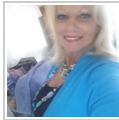


Louise, Tom, Tracy, Paul, Migdalia - January 12, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ Carol was a beautiful woman, inside and out. Several years ago she was visiting her son Craig at his home in California. Craig and I treated Carol and my father to an evening of big band music from the 1940's from a traveling revue. She always mentioned it when we spoke on the phone. She was always gracious, thoughtful and kind. She will be so missed..

Linda DeCou - January 08, 2025 at 10:10 PM



I met Carol when she was visiting her son Craig in Roseville California. She was instantly in my heart. She was so friendly and loving and kind she became my mom that day.

Raylene Welker - January 08, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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I met Carol when I became her Caregiver in 2018 until Covid. We both had a love of gardening and I tended her garden during the time I cared for her. Our gardening time continued after my caregiver job ended. Our bond grew closer. She loved her plants and flowers. She is missed and with my gardening I will remember her.

Lorie Clark - January 09, 2025 at 01:04 AM