



Carey M. Ortman

February 22, 1957 - November 20, 2025

Carey M. Ortman, age 68, of St. Anne passed away Thursday, November 20, 2025 at her home. She was born February 22, 1957 in Pueblo, CO, the daughter of George M. & Geraldine A. (Johnson) Pierce. Carey married Steven J. Ortman on July 17, 1976 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

Carey dedicated her life to her family. She was a loving and devoted wife, an incredible mother, and a proud grandmother whose greatest joy came from the people she loved. Her work ethic was unmatched—whether supporting her family, caring for those around her, or cheering from the sidelines of her grandchildren’s games. She gave her whole heart to everything she did. She enjoyed golfing, spending time with her loved ones, and never missed an opportunity to celebrate her grandchildren’s accomplishments.

Carey was a parishioner of St. John Paul II Catholic Church and St. Anne Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Steven J. Ortman of St. Anne; daughter, Christina (Jack) Nakanishi of Chicago; two sons, Sam (Lisa) Ortman of St. Anne and Daniel Ortman (Autumn Dandurand) of St. Anne; daughter, Stephanie (Robert) Grosso of St. Anne; one sister, Kelley Tucker of Bourbonnais; one brother, George M. (Joanne) Pierce of Waterloo, IL; and seven grandchildren, Owen Ortman, Colin Ortman, Broden Dandurand, SJ Ortman, Jack Nakanishi, Hayden Ortman, and Vance Ortman. Carey is preceded in death by her

parents and one brother, David Pierce.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2025 at St. John Paul II-West Campus. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Carey's name to Bishop McNamara Catholic School or Susan G Komen. Although never diagnosed, Carey also held a special place in her heart for breast cancer awareness and research, faithfully supporting the cause throughout her life.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Prayer Service

NOV **23**. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

DD

“ It is unimaginable to lose such a wonderful human being! Our sincere condolences and love to Steve and family in your loss. Carey is walking in Glory! Dave and Jodi Drazy

Dave and Jodi Drazy - November 26, 2025 at 09:58 PM

BM

“ She was a very nice person. When growing up in Kankakee together with a group of us kids we shared a lot of laughs together. Was a fun time to grow up with a bunch of friends you can always call your family. ❤️

Bruce Messerle - November 23, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LB

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Carey was a very special person. She will live in all our hearts forever

Lisa Borrelli - November 23, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JL

“ My deepest sympathies to the Ortman family
May She Rest In Peace Joseph Lucido

Joseph Lucido - November 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

KS

“ Carey was a sweet person. She always had a smile. I remember her from working at St Mary's. Condolences 🙏
Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - November 22, 2025 at 11:02 AM

GG

Condolences Steve and Family -Mom during the past years would communicate if there was any news and I would see you at Mass. Some folks seem wavering yet there are those who are certain everyone will be ultimately united with their families the way they were on Earth. God bless! Straight Forward! My wish 100 years for everyone. Before 1:00 P.M. November 24th. 2025! Gary V. Giardina!

Gary V. Giardina - November 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM

PR

“ Carey was a wonderful person. So dedicated to her family. The world has lost so much, but heaven has gained so much.



Phyllis Roecker - November 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DK

“ Carey was always such a sweet person. She was always stepping up to help at her children’s school where Dave was principal. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Steve and her family. We know she will always live in your hearts. God bless.



Dave and Suzanne Kelly - November 21, 2025 at 09:04 PM

PN

“ Hello Stephanie, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I pray for you and Robbie and your family during this difficult time.

Patty Nielsen - November 21, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ I remember Carey as being a kind and thoughtful person. She was a wonderful mom and was always willing to help in her children’s school wherever needed. My condolences to the entire Ortman family.



Sharon Schumacher - November 21, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Stephanie and your family.

Carl & Jan Coleman

Carl & Jan Coleman - November 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Carey M. Ortman



Christopher Wilcox - November 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM