



Carol Sue Painter

May 27, 1945 - November 25, 2022

Carol Sue Painter, age 77, of Kankakee passed away Friday, November 25, 2022 at her home. She was born May 27, 1945 in Denver, CO, the daughter of Robert & Linda (Colley) Maxfield. Carol Sue married Denzel Painter on August 14, 1965 at First Baptist Church in Kankakee.

Carol Sue was a teacher at Bradley Elementary School, retiring after 36 years of service. She was a graduate of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. Carol Sue received her B.S. and M.S. from Olivet Nazarene University and M.S. from Governor's State University. She enjoyed running, biathlons, and golfing.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Denzel Painter of Kankakee; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jason & Ashley Painter of Nashville, TN and Justin Painter of Chicago; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Madonna & David Raiche of Bourbonnais and Jill & David Braun of Bourbonnais; and one step granddaughter, Noel True of Colorado. Carol Sue is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. An additional visitation will be held from noon until the 1 p.m. funeral service on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais. Dr. Mark Quanstrom will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

NH

“ Mrs. Painter was my favorite teacher ever! I had her in 1st grade at Bradley East. She made writing SO FUN. I recall that she used wall paper remnants to create covers for little books she made her class. Inside the cover were blank sheets of paper stapled inside which students could draw pictures and write to create their own little books. I felt like a legit author having my own "book." We did tons of these books throughout the course of the year. She also had us make comic strips. I still have one she laminated for us to use as placemats at home. I cannot believe how much one person inspired me to write and grew creativity and desire to learn. Thank you for what you gave your students Mrs. Painter! I nominated her for an award for Who's Who in America when I was in college, to honor her contribution to her students. God bless,
Nicole Hamm-Smith

Nicole Hamm-Smith - December 01, 2022 at 09:18 AM

SC

“ Condolences to Denzel, Madonna, Jill and all her family on the parting of Carol Sue, she was a beloved family member and inspiring teacher, with sympathy, 🙏 Jerri & Stu Cann

Stu & Jerri C - November 30, 2022 at 10:48 AM

LK

“ Some of the best times I ever had were on the YMCA swim team with Carol Sue and her boys. Although we have not talked in awhile I thought of her often and missed her smile and good humor. She will be missed. Linda Kerness and Family

Linda Keerness - November 30, 2022 at 10:32 AM

KP

“ So sad to hear of Carol Sue’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Denny and the boys.

Keith and Jeanie Perry - November 29, 2022 at 05:13 PM

AT

“ Mrs. Painter was my reading teacher in 1st grade, I am so grateful that she was able to help strengthen my reading skills. She was an outstanding teacher and I will always remember her for her kindness. Condolences to the family.

Ashley Tetter - November 29, 2022 at 04:14 PM

KA

“ To the family of Carol Sue:
Upon life’s journey, there are special souls a person cross paths with. Carol Sue was one of those beautiful souls! She was truly a blessing received and It was a privilege to know her.
Though her spirit has departed from this life, she has impacted and left her imprint on others! What an amazing teacher she was.
May God bless our lives with beautiful memories as we move forward. May God heal our hearts through this difficult time.

Kathy - November 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM

SC

“ Denzle, Jason, Justin, Madonna and Jill- CarolSue always made me smile and her warm heart was contagious! When we were all younger, I always wanted to “ Be” just like her.
So very sorry that we couldn’t be there, as we just came back from Illinois Friday.
Our hearts are truly broken. Love you all.
Sally and Tom

Sally Maxfield Cummiskey - November 28, 2022 at 08:34 PM

MD

“ Carol Sue and I taught together at Bradley East for many years. She had a special energy about her that was very unique. You always knew when she was coming to pick up one of your students for reading instruction because you could hear her fast-pace click of her heels in the hallway. Carol Sue was known to wear patterned tights in a variety of colors. She was a wonderful colleague and friend who is missed by many. My prayers go out to her family.



Mary Jo DeSelm - November 27, 2022 at 05:10 PM

WS

I remember the great times we had together in the Bradley Schools. She was an excellent teacher and will be missed by many fellow educators! Prayers of comfort & peace to family and friends

Wayne Sneed - November 28, 2022 at 11:07 PM

CB

“ I wanted to share a memory from working with Carol Sue at Bradley East. She always used a special and pretty plate for her lunch (usually a salad and probably some chocolate on the side). She wanted every moment to be special and wonderful and that is how she made everyone feel. Thinking of her family and friends. She will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Cheri Bauer - November 27, 2022 at 12:05 PM

MS

“ Mary Sparacio lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Painter



Mary Sparacio - November 27, 2022 at 10:07 AM

EL

“ Karen and I have many great memories of Carol Sue. Halloween parties including one where we all went to the Kankakee Hotel and crashed a wedding reception with our costumes on. The Bride and Groom loved it. She was always fun to be with. Such a lovely cheerful kind lady. Miss her very much.
Ed and Karen Lambert

Ed Lambert - November 26, 2022 at 07:06 PM

JG

“ I met Carol Sue at Shamrock Golf course many years ago and always enjoyed her company and smiling face. My condolences to her sisters and other family ❤️

Janet Glidden - November 26, 2022 at 05:39 PM

DM

“ Denzel,
Cathy and I wanted to tell you how sad we are at the loss of your lovely wife. A great teacher and fine woman. She will be missed. Our sympathies to you and your family.

Denny and Cathy Marek

Denny Marek - November 26, 2022 at 05:16 PM

DT

“ Madonna, So sorry to hear about your sister 😞 losing a sister is like losing a piece of your heart ❤️. My deepest sympathies to you & all who loved her.

Deborah Tofte - November 26, 2022 at 03:24 PM

JD

“ *John And Catherine DeVries lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Painter*



John and Catherine DeVries - November 26, 2022 at 03:11 PM

WJ

“ *William Jones lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Painter*



William Jones - November 26, 2022 at 08:52 AM

MT

“ *So many wonderful memories of Carol Sue and fun times with her and Denzel. This really hurts our hearts and we know she is now with Jesus and whole again. We will hold the memories near and pray that God's peace and comfort will help fill the holes in all our hearts and the fond memories will help dry the tears and bring some smiles. Our love and prayers are with Denzel, Justin and Jason and his wife.*



Mary Thomson - November 25, 2022 at 10:29 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Carol Sue Painter*



Joseph Giacchino - November 25, 2022 at 05:36 PM

CO

“ *So sorry to read of Carol Sue's passing. What a wonderful teacher, so dedicated to the kids, and just a wonderful person. She will be so missed by family, friends, and all her students! RIP 🙏💜🙏*
Rick and Marla Coy



Coy's - November 25, 2022 at 03:21 PM

GM

So very sorry for your loss of your wife and mother. May she rest in peace and her family carry on her message of love.
Gary Mitchell

Gary Mitchell - November 26, 2022 at 10:14 AM

MI

So very sorry to hear the news of Carol Sue's passing. I will always have great memories of the girls coming over for card club, and my mom (Daryl Arseneau) allowing my brother and I to stay up late and hang out with the girls. The Maxfield sisters were always our favorites! My mom and I wish we could be there to celebrate such a special lady. Love, Daryl Arseneau & Michelle Arseneau Gilhooly

Michelle - November 28, 2022 at 05:54 PM