



Carol M. Schafer

December 24, 1936 - September 30, 2023

Carol M. Schafer, age 86, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born December 24, 1936 in Kankakee, the third daughter of Frederick Eugene & Cecile (Richard) Brault.

Carol graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1954.

She married Gene Richard "Dick" Schafer on May 6, 1961 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. They were married for 56 years. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2017.

Carol was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company until 1984. At the time of divestiture of Bell System, she was later employed by Bell Credit Union and retired from Armour Credit Union in September 2007. Carol was a board member of the Kankakee Valley Chapter of Credit Unions, a member of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, and a volunteer at the hospital. She belonged to the Gourmet Dinner Club and Quadrille Dance Club. Carol enjoyed playing cards and belonging to many clubs throughout the years. She was an avid reader. Carol loved entertaining dinner guests in their home and enjoyed traveling within the US and abroad. She liked to ballroom dance and spent some winter months in Florida.

Carol was a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and CCW for 35 years. She was also a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church and served on the CCW and Outreach Program. Most of all, Carol enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gary & Cheryl Schafer of Crystal Lake; one daughter and son-in-law, Katy & Doug Leider of Wood Dale; five grandchildren, Danielle Schafer of San Diego, CA, Derek and Megan Schafer of Crystal Lake, and Ryan Leider of San Antonio, TX and Lauren Leider of Wood Dale; and one sister-in-law, June Brault of Edgecomb, ME. In addition to her husband, Carol is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Monica & Maurice Lambert and Joyce & Robert Cosgrove; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard Brault and Joel & Patricia Brault.

Visitation will be held from 9-10:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., also on Saturday, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for masses.

Carol's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Westwood and Butterfield Assisted Living and to the doctors and nurses at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee for their loving care and compassion.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of this beautiful lady. She was a classmate of my sister and used to come to slumber parties at our house. Always with a smile and a beautiful ddemeanor. May the good lord be with you at this most difficult time.*

Dewey Kilbride - October 07, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JB

“ *Jeanne Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Carol M. Schafer*



Jeanne Benjamin - October 05, 2023 at 11:46 PM

JB

*I was in card club with Carol and she knew her cards hard to beat she was a lovely lady and fun to be with
May she Rip
Sympathy to her family
Dick will be waiting for her*

Jeanne Benjamin - October 05, 2023 at 11:52 PM

MB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about this. I enjoyed our seven years working together at Armour Kankakee Credit Union (now Fieldstone Credit Union). I have to work until noon Saturday so I cannot attend the service, but I want to express my condolences to her whole family. She talked about you often.*

Mark Baron - October 04, 2023 at 03:44 PM

DC

“ Condolences and prayers to the family. I worked with Carol at Fieldstone Credit Union (Armour Kankakee Credit Union). We shared many laughs over the years. She was a classy lady and cared about all the people she knew. May she rest in peace.

Debbie Corum - October 03, 2023 at 02:35 PM

DR

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers for all of Carol's family and friends. She was a wonderful and caring person. It was a pleasure to be part of her care team. She will be dearly missed.

Deborah Regnier CNA/CPT

Deborah Regnier - October 03, 2023 at 01:34 AM



JR

“ I knew Carol from serving her in the dining rooms at Westwood and Assisted living. We always had a good time talking and laughing. We had a special connection when we discovered that we knew some of the same people from Danforth that she knew from dancing. What a special lady❤️

Jean Rousey - October 02, 2023 at 11:13 PM

AW

“ Ashley Webber lit a candle in memory of Carol M. Schafer

Ashley Webber - October 02, 2023 at 09:12 PM



MO

“ *Please accept our sympathy. May happy memories surround you and give you comfort. The O'Brien Family*

Maureen O'Brien - October 02, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JP

“ *My sympathy to the entire Schafer family at this sad time. I worked with Carol at Illinois Bell, and she later handle my financial affairs when she was connected with the Bell Credit Union. She was always a smiling congenial presence and a pleasure to be around. May she rest in peace.*

Jim Puswaskis - October 02, 2023 at 03:12 PM