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Carol J. DePaolo nee Lathrop, 89, of Vandalia, IL, passed away at 3:33 PM, Sunday, December 10, 2023 at SBL Fayette County Hospital.

Per the family's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A private Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to Second Chance Animal Rescue. Online condolences can be expressed at www.hohltandfilefh.com.

Carol Jeanne Lathrop was born on August 18, 1934, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Clarence Lathrop & Jeanne (Redington) Tetart. She married Robert Thomas DePaolo on October 10, 1953 in Beverly Hills, MO; together they celebrated 70 years of marriage and raised four children.

Carol graduated from Normandy High School and Miss Hickeys Secretarial School, taking some classes at Missouri University and later in her life at Kaskaskia College. She worked as a secretary at Laclede Steel in St. Louis and was a sales representative for a drapery fabric company for 20 years. She operated her own business called Window Décor by Carol in Vandalia and worked with the family at DePaolo's Floorcovering.

Carol was a charter member and Vice President of the Greater St. Louis Mothers of Twins Club, which is now nationwide. She belonged to Soroptimists International and the Vandalia Lions Club, serving as President & the District Governor's 1st Lady. Carol was also a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, elected as financial secretary, and Mother of Dolors Catholic Church. She guided 7 Girl Scouts through their study for the Marian Award, a high honor for Catholic Girl Scouts. Carol's hobby for many years was training dogs for obedience trials, with all of her dogs achieving titles. Among all of these things, she and her husband, Bob, travelled extensively throughout the years, visiting 6 continents and many states.

Carol is survived by her husband of 70 years, Bob DePaolo. Their children, Robert (Gail) DePaolo, Jr., Deanna (Carl) DePew, Barbara (Tim) Henna, and Antonia (Jeff) Mefford; grandchildren, Tom DePaolo (Julie), Dustin Sefton (Jessica), Jenny Sefton (Becca), Brooke Bennett (Amanda), Monica



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Castleman (Matt), Joetta Yarbrough, Ryan Mefford (Kearstin), Taylor Mefford, and Nicholas DePaolo (Jenna); step- grandchildren, Ashley Blankenship (Adam), Katie Tate, Alex Mills (Blake), and Allyson Crabtree (Gage); great-grandchildren, Anna, Cole, Kennedee, Todd, Avery, Cooper, Gus, Ruby, Katy, Sydney, Grady, Delta, Jacob, Kamdyn, Gwendolyn, Juniper, Braelyn, Harper, and Asher; step-great-grandchildren, River, Reagan, Briggs, Emery, Leo, Bennett, Miley, Regan, Charlie, and Jordan; extended family & many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Darcey DePaolo.



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Mary Ann Wieggers posted:

I still remember, and pass it on, Mrs. DePaolo gently but firmly telling me that I only have one face and I should never put it close to an animal's face. I learned so much from everyone at the farm....I now live on my own farm in mid Missouri. I think about Fox Run as I work about my place. I have one of the silver fox signs and the mirror harness collar. Dad passed 2019, mom in 2020, and Eddie in 2023. I love you all and wish you well. -Mary Ann Wieggers

March 4 at 4:21 AM



Charlene Jett lit a candle in honor of Carol.

So many good and thankful memories of Carol and Bob, their children and grandchildren! Love and kindness ruled their hearts and home.

December 12 at 8:40 AM



John Miller posted:

Please accept my condolences, DePaolo family. I am very sorry for your loss. -John K. Miller

December 12 at 3:41 AM



Cheryl Oertwig posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. 🙏❤️

December 11 at 1:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carol by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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