



Carol Bridges

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Carol Kaye Bridges (née Shafer), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Born to Frank and Frances Shafer, Carol was a devoted daughter and sister. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Carroll Richard Bridges Jr., and her infant grandson, Ian Matthew Bridges.

Carol is survived by her loving siblings: Steve Shafer, Connie Kingery (Alvin Kingery), and Scott Shafer (Jan Shafer). She will be deeply missed by her children: Richard Bridges (Maria Bridges), Daniel Bridges (Dawn Bridges), and Shannon Sidwell (Chris Sidwell).

Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren: Jacob Bridges, Joshua Bridges, and Ethan Bridges (children of Richard and Maria); Sean Bridges (Keziah Stutzman), Sara Melsa (Daniel Melsa), Zach Benaitis, Ben Benaitis, and Addi Benaitis (children of Daniel and Dawn); Andrew Metzger, Kaleb Elzey, and Max Sidwell (children of Shannon and Chris).

Carol was a dedicated member of Northside Christian Church in Vandalia, IL, where her faith provided her with strength and community. She was known for her warm hospitality and exceptional culinary skills, especially her legendary Thanksgiving feasts, which brought her entire extended family together each year.

Above all, Carol was the epitome of a loving mother and grandmother. Her unwavering love for her family and her deep faith were the cornerstones of her life. She shared these gifts generously with everyone she knew, leaving a lasting impact on all who were fortunate enough to be a part of her life.

Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00AM, Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Northside Christian Church, Vandalia. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM, following visitation at the church.



Obituary




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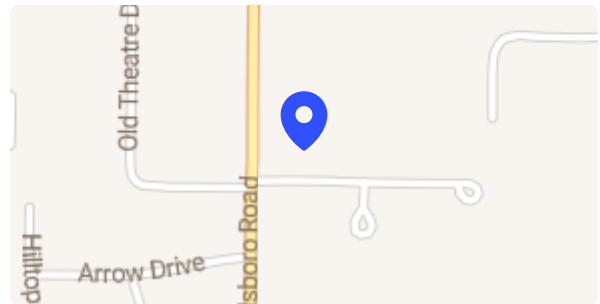
Graveside Service and Interment will take place at 3:00PM, Saturday, April 12, 2025, in the Jewett Cemetery, Jewett, Cumberland County, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Nourishing Greatness, a program in Vandalia providing weekend meals to our students who experience food insecurity. Hohlt & File Funeral Home of Vandalia is in charge of arrangements, online condolences can be expressed at www.hohltandfilefh.com






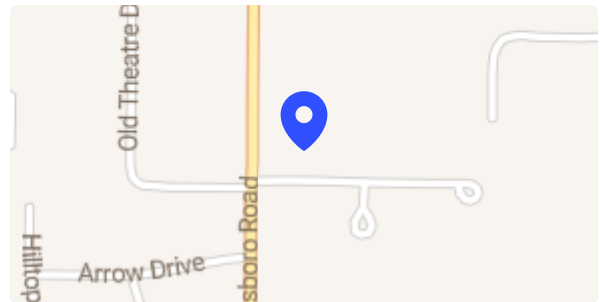
Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 12, 2025
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
 **Northside Christian Church**
 1845 Jackson St, Vandalia IL 62471






Funeral Service

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 **Jewett Cemetery**
 Jewett IL

Cemetery Details

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 Jewett IL



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Bridges family.

April 11 at 9:20 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.

April 11 at 9:20 AM



Zach, Ben & Addi Benaitis sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bridges family.

April 9 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Bridges family.

April 9 at 1:10 PM



Mike Vrchota posted:

Carol, You were a beautiful lady inside and out. Your spirit lives on in your family and in the many joyous memories of you. Love to the Bridges family at this difficult time. Love, Mike, Amy, James and Brandt Littleton Vrchota

April 9 at 8:15 AM



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Ted Conkling posted:

I worked with Carol for several years at Washington Cottage just outside of the Illinois Youth Center, St. Charles. Carol was a wonderful person to be around and she always had a smile on her face. I am a better person for knowing Carol. My sympathy to your family. What a wonderful lady.

April 8 at 4:52 PM



Shannon Sidwell April 9 at 11:27 AM

I remember you all very well, Ted lol she lovingly called you Theodore because of Mary... stories of you and Gary and Mike putting stuff in the wrong car and your daughter Brooke telling her she needed to fix her hair. 😊😊 Margie she loved you and held you very dear to her heart. You all meant so much to her. Thank you for your wishes. They mean a whole lot.



Margie Groot April 9 at 5:11 AM

I am heartbroken to hear of Carol's passing. I too worked at Washington Cottage with her, Ted, John Platt, Joanne...and so many others. We often shared uproarious laughter and shared our hard times in prayer and deep friendship. She was like a second mother to our children, and they knew to "call Carol" if they couldn't get hold of us during work. God bless all of you! My life is fuller knowing her! Margie Groot



Anonymous sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Bridges family.



April 8 at 2:23 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.



April 8 at 2:23 PM



Scott And Katie Burns sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bridges family.



April 8 at 10:52 AM



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Bridges family.

April 8 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.

April 8 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bridges family.

April 8 at 7:07 AM



The Neal And Heidenreich Families sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bridges family.

April 7 at 3:14 PM



The Neal And Heidenreich Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.

April 7 at 3:14 PM



Rick And Kara Metzger sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bridges family.

April 7 at 12:33 PM





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Anonymous planted a grove of 10 Memorial Trees in honor of Carol.



April 7 at 10:26 AM



Scott And Stephanie Posey sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bridges family.



April 7 at 6:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Bridges family.



April 6 at 12:41 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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