



## Carol Ethel O'Connell

May 20, 1962 - March 31, 2024

Carol Ethel Brooks O'Connell, 61, of Peoria, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

She was born in Wuerzburg, West Germany on May 20, 1962, the daughter of Larry and Gerhilde Brooks. She married Kevin Kenneth O'Connell on June 25, 2011. He preceded her in death on December 4, 2022.

Surviving is her father, Larry Brooks, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and her beloved dog, Tucker.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gilla Brooks, and her brother, Eric Brooks.

Carol worked most of her career at Ruppman, which later became HGS. She was a member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. She enjoyed helping other people, and was quick to seize the opportunity to help anyone in need. She was known as a great organizer of people to help ease the pain and suffering of others, and was always there to run a donation pool or plan a call to action. Carol was universally loved by all she met, quick to smile and lend a helping hand. She passed on the morning of Easter Sunday – surely a significant sign that another

angel has been called home.

Services for Carol will be officiated by Father Taylor in the small chapel at 11a Sat. June 22nd, 2024 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 904 E. Lake Ave., Peoria Heights, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services handled arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (cst)

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
904 E Lake Ave  
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

*small chapel officiated by Father Taylor*

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Well here it is almost 3 weeks since you've been gone and I still cannot believe it. I have so missed our nightly chats. You were the only one who loved Chinese food of my friends that we enjoyed together. My only comfort is that you are now with my brother Kevin in heaven. Also keeping you company are your mother and brother along with Kevin's and my sister Penny Jo. To Larry, I wish you comfort and peace to get thru this sad period of time. I know I sure have my moments. Thoughts and condolences to the Family and Friends of Carol. I love you and miss you so much Carol, my sister. Rest in Heaven

Rae (O'Connell) Cannon - April 19, 2024 at 10:08 AM

SE

*Beautifully written*

Stella Etnier - April 25, 2024 at 08:59 PM

SE

“ Carol, what a sweetheart.... I continue to be so happy that I and my baby sister, Penny Jo and her sister, Rae were instigators in getting Carol and our baby brother, Kevin together. They were definitely a perfect match. May the both rest in peace. Love you honey.

Stella Etnier - April 14, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SE

*Barb and I will truly miss our bunches at Childers and Le Peep. Fun and funny conversations.... You are a much loved sibling. May your family find peace in thoughts with our Lord. Love you, baby girl.*

Stella Etnier - April 23, 2024 at 03:52 PM

SE

*Meant brunches*

Stella Etnier - April 23, 2024 at 03:53 PM

MD

*Carol was such a sweetheart I met her as one of her nurses at Methodist we became dear friends with her and her Family over the years We shared such great memories She was such a fighter and always positive with all her health issues She was called home way to soon! Our condolences to Larry and that God will give him strength and peace R.I.P. Carol I know your celebrating now in your heavenly home with your Mother Brother and Husband You are dearly missed Your our Angel now looking over us until we meet again ❤️❤️❤️*

Mary Driscoll - June 21, 2024 at 09:45 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rita - April 03, 2024 at 12:57 PM

DE

*What a beautiful picture. She loved her pooch so much. I am sure he will miss her. Prayers to family and friends*

Denise.frank - April 03, 2024 at 09:03 PM

CB

*You will always be remembered. We had so much fun and spent a lot of time laughing and sharing life.*

Cynthia M Bridson - April 04, 2024 at 10:36 AM

GK

*From the city of Wuerzburg  
Dear Carol, you will be unforgotten! RiP! ❤️*

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**Gabriele Kraemer** - April 04, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TB

*Wonderful memories of Carol as a childhood friend in Bourndale  
So sorry to hear the news.  
Fly with the angels Carol ❤️💔*

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**Tim Bedsrd** - April 04, 2024 at 01:06 PM