



Carol E. Dodaro

February 21, 1945 - February 6, 2026

Carol E. Dodaro, age 80, passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and steadfast devotion to her family and friends.

Born on February 21, 1945, Carol lived a life guided by kindness, generosity, and quiet strength. She was the beloved wife of Jim Dodaro, with whom she shared 56 years of marriage filled with partnership, unconditional love, warmth, humor, and countless treasured memories.

Carol was a proud and devoted mother to her three children, Jim (Teri) Dodaro, Dan (Milissa) Dodaro, and Carrie (Mike) Smetana. Her greatest joy was raising her children and watching them grow into loving parents themselves. She was a devoted grandmother to nine grandchildren, Michael, Emily, Megan, John, Danielle, Charlie, Zachary, Cecilia, and Vincent, each of whom brought her immense pride and happiness. Time spent with family was what she cherished most.

She is also survived by her loving sister, Lou Ann (Herb) Paterra, her brother, Bob (Lois) Pogyor, and her cherished niece and nephews, all of whom held a special place in her heart.

Carol found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved golfing, playing Rummikub with dear friends, and friendly competitions of Words with Friends. She and Jim treasured their winter months in Tampa, where they built lasting friendships and created many happy memories.

Blue skies and sunshine will forever remind her family of the warmth, love,

and joy she brought into their lives.

A funeral service celebrating Carol's life will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, on what would have been her 81st birthday, at 12:00pm at St. Angela Merici Church, 1640 Fawcett Ave., White Oak, PA 15131, followed by burial at New St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum, 1443 Lincoln Hwy, North Versailles, PA 15137.

A reception will be held at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Drive, McKeesport 15132, immediately following the burial and all are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Carol's honor to the Reflections Of Grace Foundation at www.reflectionsofgrace.org <<http://www.reflectionsofgrace.org>>.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

New St. Joseph Cemetery

North Versailles, PA 15137

Previous Events

Mass

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Angela Merici Church
1640 Fawcett Avenue
White Oak, PA 15131

Graveside Service

FEB 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

New St. Joseph Cemetery
North Versailles, PA 15137

Tribute Wall



“ *Holly R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.* ”



Holly R. - February 23 at 09:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.* ”



February 20 at 05:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol E. Dodaro.* ”

February 20 at 05:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.* ”



February 19 at 05:30 PM

TA

“ *The Mahoney Family (Phoenix, AZ) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.*



The Mahoney Family (Phoenix, AZ) - February 19 at 12:22 PM

TA

“ *The Mahoney Family (Phoenix, AZ) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol E. Dodaro.*

The Mahoney Family (Phoenix, AZ) - February 19 at 12:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.*



February 17 at 10:58 AM

LK

“ *Love from Tom and Kathy purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.*



Love from Tom and Kathy - February 16 at 08:27 AM

LK

“ Love from Tom and Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol E. Dodaro.

Love from Tom and Kathy - February 16 at 08:27 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.



February 15 at 11:18 AM

DM

“ Condolences to Jim and the family of Carol...she was a class act and will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in Peace

Donn Nemchick of McKeesport - February 13 at 08:35 AM

GS

“ Carol was a wonderful friend. We played pinocle with her Mom. She was in my wedding to Lynn Hoffman. When he was killed in Viet Nam she was beside me thru out those difficult times. I was with her when she met Jim. I have a picture of her with my husband Ron Supansic. We loved going to the White Elephant for the dances. Carol never said a bad word about anyone. She was a beautiful person in all she did. So sad to say goodbye! My prayers are for Jim and family.

Gloria Macedonia Supansic.

Gloria Supansic - February 12 at 11:53 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.



February 12 at 06:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol E. Dodaro.

February 12 at 06:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.



February 10 at 10:43 PM



“ Bettye Newman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carol E. Dodaro.



Bettye Newman - February 10 at 08:48 PM

BN

“ I loved Carol and Jim from the moment I met them and all the friends and family that came over to my house and were sitting on my patio when I returned.

My husband invited all 6 of them over for dinner unbeknownst to me.

When I arrived there they were 6 people sitting on my patio and my husband had invited them to dinner.

And Jim had stepped up and made dinner for us.

I truly loved them from that point on.

Good bye my lovely friend. My heart is broken.

Lved them from

Betty Newman - February 10 at 08:29 PM

LG

“ We have so many wonderfull memories that will stay with us forever from the various visits to Aunt Alice. Love from Louie and the girls.

Louis Greco - February 10 at 05:39 PM