



## Carol Malecki

August 16, 1940 - February 3, 2020

Carol Ann Malecki, 79, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, February 3, 2020.

Carol was born August 16, 1940, in Topeka, to her loving parents Richard and Eleanor Dreiling Rohr. She attended Holy Name and Assumption Grade Schools and Churches. The oldest child, Carol welcomed her brother, Richard, sister, Alana and brother, Tim into their family. Carol graduated from Hayden High School in the class of 1958.

A few months later she married Anthony Malecki in Assumption Church. Carol and Tony had four children, John (Mary) of Shawnee, Kansas, Lori Rathert (Kevin) of Wichita, Kansas, Steve (Julie) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Christine Ryan (Sean) of Topeka.

In 1974, she became a single parent and set out to support her children by getting a job at the V. A. Credit Union as a teller. Carol quickly advanced and was promoted to loan officer where she took pride in her ability to help others. In 1981, she accepted an offer to manage the small Topeka Teachers Credit Union, growing that institution from one small office to three branches across town. In 2000, Carol was named Kansas Credit Union Manager of The Year and was considered a model in her industry.

Besides her children and family, Carol's main source of joy was time spent with her friends playing bridge. Her children are very grateful for the companionship and love her bridge partners gave to her. Carol took her kids on vacations each year to visit her sister in Colorado, brother in Cincinnati, or to Texas and California among many other places. Later she visited England, Ireland, Italy, Germany and the Holy Land. Carol was diagnosed with kidney failure after taking pain medications for her arthritis and had endured dialysis for the last eight years of her life.

May she rest in the loving arms of her family, who are greeting her this day in heaven.

Carol is survived by her children; her grandchildren, Kelly, Kristen, Kayla, Ryan, Alex, Amanda, Courtney, John, Alec, Tyler and Joey; and her siblings, Fr. Richard Rohr, Alana Buford (Mike), and Tim Rohr ((Linda). She was preceded in death by her parents and niece, Kathleen Buford.

The rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 7p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Action and Contemplation (an organization started by Carol's brother, Franciscan Father Richard Rohr OSM, in Albuquerque NM) or Catholic Charities, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB 5. 5:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Visitation

FEB 5. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Malecki*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To Amanda, Steve and Julie  
The Sion community is sorry to hear of the loss of such an important part of your family. May the memories you hold in your heart bring peace and joy as you keep her legacy alive. Prayers and love to all of you.*

*God's peace,*

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**Natalie McDonough** - February 11, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Carol sounded like a wonderful wife, mother and friend. She sounded like a woman who really Loved to help and serve people. My Prayers as I type this,Heart and Thoughts are with You Richard and Your Family. Now Carol can Pray for us.*

*All My Love*

*Steve Donohoue*

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**Steve Donohoue** - February 10, 2020 at 10:11 PM

PL

“ Carol always had the greatest laugh that made everyone around her smile. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Pam Oswald Luthi** - February 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM

ML

“ Lannie, My prayers are with you and your family.

*Mary LeGresley*

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**Mary LeGresley** - February 09, 2020 at 08:41 PM

MT

“ Tim and Linda, with deepest sympathy in the passing of your sister Carol.

*Marcella Tinoco*

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**marcella tinoco** - February 05, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CM

“ Lannie and all of Carol's family- My love, sympathy and prayers are with you. May many happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Carol was fun to be with at our TCT times and a beautiful, faith-filled lady. She and her infectious smile will be missed. I pray the promise of Christ's resurrection bring you comfort and peace. She is now among the communion of saints in Heaven.  
Love,  
*Carole Mertz*

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**Carole Mertz** - February 05, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Malecki.*



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February 05, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Malecki.*



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February 04, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Carol. Condolences to the family. She was a dear lady that I got to know from our membership in the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. I will miss visiting with her and hearing her laugh.*

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**Evelyn Huggins** - February 04, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss and the entire Malecki family are in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven has gained a dear angel that will be looking down on all of you until you meet again. Peace be to all of you.*

*Steve and Laurie Chubb*

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**Steve and Laurie Chubb** - February 04, 2020 at 05:27 PM

GG

“ Carol was my best traveling buddy. I have wonderful memories of the trips we took together. We did some crazy things (which will remain our secret). We also loved playing bridge. I inherited a new best friend when my daughter married her son John. I know that Carol is at peace in heaven. I will miss her terribly. My sympathy to her family. Gloria Giunta, Olathe,KS.

Gloria Giunta - February 04, 2020 at 05:18 PM

CW

“ Chassidy, Stephanie, Pat, Nicholas, Dylan, Whitney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol Malecki.



Chassidy, Stephanie, Pat, Nicholas, Dylan, Whitney - February 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM

MM

“ Maryellen Dreher Marr and Steve Marr purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Malecki.



Maryellen Dreher Marr and Steve Marr - February 04, 2020 at 02:24 PM

PM

“ My deepest sympathy for the entire Malecki family in the passing of your Matriarch. You have lost a dear loved one, but have gained a beautiful guardian angel to watch over your family. Lori and Kevin, my heart breaks for you and your family. Please know she is at peace and resting in God's loving arms, free of pain and earthly constraints. You are, and will continue to be, in my thoughts and prayers. God bless each of you.



*Peggi Moore  
Columbia MO*

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**Peggi Moore** - February 04, 2020 at 12:43 PM

GB

“ Sorry for you loss and thinking about you guys at this time. Am so glad that she went peacefully and the memories will last forever.  
*Gary Bates*

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**Gary Bates** - February 04, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DL

“ *Debi Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Carol Malecki*



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**debi lindsey** - February 04, 2020 at 10:34 AM

SY

“ Carol was one of my best friends over the last probably 50 years. We did a lot of fun things together with all of kids. May she rest in peace now. Sharon Young

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**Sharon Young** - February 04, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BR

“ John, Lori, Steve & Christie,

*When Carol Malecki would come into Dillon's, it was an event. "Hey! Mrs Malecki's here!" All of us troublemaking friends (Bervert, Robben, Berry, Gilstrap, McCaffrey.....) of her children would want to be near her for her big smile, kind words and genuine good humor. She was the coolest friends'-mom. "All help up front! Mrs Malecki's here." She'd make you feel important.*

*Know that she made a difference, and she'll be missed.*

*Bob Rochford  
Lisa, Austin (22) & Sam (19)  
Edmond, OK*

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**Bob Rochford** - February 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MO

*Lori & Steve worked for my late husband Bruce Oppenlander at Dillons when they were in high school. Carol was always so supportive*

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**Marlene Oppenlander-Bartley** - February 04, 2020 at 10:56 PM

BR

“ God bless your family

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**Barb and Greg Reser** - February 04, 2020 at 09:01 AM

AZ

“ *Malecki family,  
Thoughts and prayers for all. Carol was a wonderful person, always  
a kind word and big smile. I always liked to hear her laugh. Blessings  
to all. May she rest in peace.  
Kenny and Alice Ziegler*

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**Alice Ziegler** - February 04, 2020 at 07:56 AM

RS

“ *To Carol's Family,  
I remember Carol as a very nice and supportive friend and a true  
leader in the growth of the Teachers' CU. My thoughts and prayers  
are with you.*

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**Rick Strecker** - February 03, 2020 at 10:53 PM