



## Carol J. Hardy

October 31, 1935 - December 17, 2023

Carol Jean Hardy, 88, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 in Libertyville, IL after a brief battle with cancer. She was born Oct. 31, 1935 in Murphysboro, IL to the late Wm. Russell McConkey and Orpha (Walter) McConkey. She grew in Chester, IL and was a proud member of Chester High School class of 1953, later attending SIU in Carbondale.

Carol loved her current home town of Libertyville, IL in which she resided for many years. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a long time employee at Condell Memorial Hospital in Libertyville. She was very active in her community and was a member of the Condell Auxiliary for many years. After retiring from Condell, you would find her volunteering in various departments of the hospital. In 2014, she was inducted into the Libertyville Senior Citizen Hall of Fame for Outstanding service.

Carol cherished her family most and loved spending time with them. She was known for helping anyone she met and having a positive energetic attitude. She was an avid reader, loved knitting, spending time with her grand dogs, and helping care for neighboring dogs.

Carol is survived by her daughters, Carla (Terry) Prisk, Gayelynn (Peter) Galgano, her grandchildren, Brennan (Kelsey) Prisk, Ashley (Nicholas) Passarella, Keely (Matt) Adler, Cameron Galgano; 1 great granddaughter Briar

Layne Prisk, one soon to be great grandson, and 3 nephews. She also leaves countless devoted friends and neighbors and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents Wm. Russell and Orpha McConkey, and brother Wm Terry McConkey.

It was Carol's wishes to be cremated and have a private memorial service where she grew up in Chester, IL at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Condell Hospital or Mt. Summit Cemetery in Rockwood, IL.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

DY

“ Carol was a dear friend of mine at Thomas Place. She was a gracious and kind person and everyone loved her. I tried to reach out to her several times but was not successful. She was in my prayers. And whenever I'll put out a holiday knitted door hanger I'll always say “when this you see, think of me” and I will with love in my heart. She'll be missed. Love, Dodee Yedinak

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**Dodee Yedinak** - December 21, 2023 at 10:51 AM

PS

“ Carol was a dear friend and neighbor. She was our dog Maggie's second home when we traveled. Carol told us she kept a picture of Maggie next to her bed when Maggie went to heaven. You were loved by many people and we will miss your smiling face. Rest in peace Carol. Love always Patty and Peter Schmitz.

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**Peter Schmitz** - December 20, 2023 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ My mom and I were heart broken when Carol moved away from our neighborhood a few years ago. She brought so much energy and joy to our lives and we knew things would be a little less bright without her right across the street. She was such a dear good friend to my mom and her visits were a treasured time. I counted on seeing Carol in her doorway waving as I drove off to work and she was like a second dog mom to my Nellie girl. My memories are filled with ways Carol touched our lives and I will smile whenever I think of her knowing I was in the presence of a rare wonderful person. Janet Rynell

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**Janet Rynell** - December 20, 2023 at 04:56 PM

KG

“ Carol was a bright light in our senior community. She always found a way to show kindness and reach out with her special knitting projects to hang on our door handles. She always had a smile and a joke or two to share. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in Peace dear Carol.

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**Karen Goodman** - December 20, 2023 at 03:39 PM

VN

“ I'm heart-broken to lose my long-time friend, Carol. We met nearly 30 years ago when I joined the staff at Condell in the Auxiliary Department. She was active as an Auxilian in our fundraisers and after her retirement, still wanting to be a part of a hospital that she loved, Carol became a Volunteer. So many residents and hospital employees knew Carol. They will be sad to hear of her passing and will remember her fondly. My condolences to Carla and Gaye and their families. Your mom was so loved.

-Vivian Naylor

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**Vivian Naylor** - December 20, 2023 at 10:32 AM

RC

Carol was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. I am so glad that I knew her. She was such a caring person. Rest in peace Carol.

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**Rose Cecchi** - December 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

LF

Carol was such a shining light - always with a smile on her face. All in all, a special person who I am so grateful to have known. Rwst in peace....

Lynn Fried

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**Lynn Fried** - December 21, 2023 at 09:55 AM

MM

*Carol was a wonderful person and neighbor. I treasured our many talks and our visits together. She always took such good care of my miniature poodle, Bentley. She will be missed by so many. Rest easy dear Carol.*

*Michele Miller*

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**Michele Miller** - December 21, 2023 at 09:59 PM

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*Oh my ! just read this . I called her Hardy Girl, when we ran into each other at the Jewel or Lambs , and other places around town. What a delight she was!!! I will miss you, HG ..... oxox Robin E.*

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**robin ehemann** - January 01, 2024 at 05:58 PM