



Carol A. Riekse

October 23, 1940 - July 17, 2023

In loving memory of Carol Ann Riekse (nee Schrovenwever), born on 10/23/40 in Holland, MI, and departed on 7/17/23 in Holland, MI, we celebrate the extraordinary life of a devoted Christian, a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and a compassionate friend. Carol had a wry sense of humor and the gift for gab.

Carol's journey began in the heart of the Dutch Christian Reformed tradition, shaping her faith and values from an early age. She attended Holland Christian High School and Calvin College, where she cultivated her intellect and nurtured her spirit. It was during these formative years that she met the love of her life, Tom, with whom she shared 60 years of happiness.

As a mother, Carol poured her heart and soul into raising her two children, Tom (Diana) Riekse, and Barbara (Mark) Schau, instilling in them the values of love, compassion, and perseverance. She embraced her role as a sister to Mary Workman (Jim) and her twin Barbara Reiswig (Dick); niece and nephews, Susan, John, Bill, and Rusty. She took immense pride in her role as a grandmother to Jack, Charlie, and Everett whose lives were enriched by her wisdom, love, and playfulness.

Deeply involved in her community, Carol dedicated her time and energy to make a difference. She shared her passion for art with school children, leaving

a lasting impression on young minds through her presentations. She was an active member of Deerfield Presbyterian in the Chicago suburbs, where she found solace, strength, and a sense of belonging through volunteerism, and as the President of Presbyterian woman.

Carol's love for literature and her insatiable curiosity led her to a fulfilling career as a librarian. Her contribution to the Lincolnshire library board, where she held an elected position, exemplified her commitment to fostering a love of reading within her community.

Later in life, Carol embarked on a new adventure, co-founding a successful financial services company alongside her husband, Tom and son Tom Jr. Together, they faced challenges head-on, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit and building a legacy of success. In their retirement years, Carol and Tom embraced her wanderlust, traveling throughout Europe.

Carol Ann Riekse leaves behind a rich tapestry of love, laughter, and cherished memories. She will forever be remembered for her unwavering faith, her nurturing spirit, her infectious laughter, and her zest for life. She touched the lives of all who knew her, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Christian Reformed Church, Holland Michigan on August 11th at 11 am., with Rev. Jen Rozema officiating. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to Resthaven www.resthaven.org/help-us-serve/. Interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Christian Reformed Church
85 W 26th St
Holland, MI 49423-4970
(616) 396-7934

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol A. Riekse*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 09, 2023 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Marjorie O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol A. Riekse.*

Marjorie O. - August 02, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carol A. Riekse.*



August 01, 2023 at 01:42 PM

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“ *Kathleen Bertrand (Barb's friend) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol A. Riekse.*

Kathleen Bertrand (Barb's friend) - July 27, 2023 at 05:31 PM

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“ *Kathleen Bertrand (Barb's friend) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol A. Riekse.*



Kathleen Bertrand (Barb's friend) - July 27, 2023 at 05:31 PM



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



July 27, 2023 at 12:39 PM

LH

“ *Sending loving thoughts and support for Carol's family. We have known each other for over 50 years and continued to stay connected all this time, even though we were located in different cities. I will miss you dear Carol but will cherish the memories of the fun times and the support for each other, during our years of friendship.*
Love and hugs, Linda Heldman

Linda Heldman - July 25, 2023 at 06:02 PM

KJ

“ *My Sincere & Deepest Condolences to the Riekse Family for the loss of Carol!*
A wonderful woman who I always enjoyed seeing and talking to at our numerous Insurance meetings & conventions together.
R.I.P. Carol!

Kevin Johnson - July 24, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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

July 19, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol A. Riekse.



July 19, 2023 at 10:16 PM



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

July 19, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol A. Riekse.



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