



Carol Jean Wendling

October 30, 2024

Carol Jean (Smith) Wendling, age 72, died peacefully on October 30, 2024, as her husband of 51 years held her hand. Her final days were spent being cared for by the incredibly compassionate staff at the Adler Center for Caring in Aldie, Virginia.

Born on May 7th, 1952 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Mary Ethel Schmitt and Charles Warren Smith, she graduated from Regina High School in 1970 and attended one year at the University of Cincinnati before marrying her husband, Michael "Mike" Wendling. Throughout her life, Carol was a devoted wife, a loving mother to five children, and a doting grandmother to nine grandchildren. Carol's greatest happiness was her family and she found joy in gardening, travelling, and reading.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother Ethel Smith, father Warren Smith, daughter Katherine Wendling, and sisters Marcia (Smith) Auciello and Donna (Smith) Mann. She is survived by her husband, Mike, children Michael, Emily, Daniel, and Elizabeth, grandchildren, and siblings Marlene, Dianna, and Warren.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on Wednesday, November 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home & Crematory at 3200 Golansky Blvd Woodbridge, VA 22192. Funeral services will be held on Thursday,

November 7th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Triangle, Virginia followed by burial at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Carol's name to Capital Caring Health's Adler Center for Caring in Aldie, Virginia. Online donations can be made at <https://capitalcaring.funraise.org/>. Please select the "Adler Center for Inpatient Care" and include Carol's name as a memorial donation. Donations may also be mailed to Capital Caring Health at 3180 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 500 Falls Church, VA 22042.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
18825 Fuller Heights Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Interment

NOV 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Please know we're praying for peace and comfort as you navigate through this difficult time.

Love in Christ,
Ted and Teresa Lyons

Teresa Lyons - November 07, 2024 at 07:16 PM

SS

“ SUSAN SENTMAN lit a candle in memory of Carol Jean Wendling



SUSAN SENTMAN - November 06, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



November 06, 2024 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ Dave and Shelly Mann purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



Dave and Shelly Mann - November 04, 2024 at 09:17 PM

GW

“ Gil and MaryAnn Wendling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



Gil and MaryAnn Wendling - November 04, 2024 at 07:14 PM

BP

“ Becky and Bubba Palmer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



Becky and Bubba Palmer - November 04, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



November 04, 2024 at 02:05 PM

LF

“ Love, Mike & Jennifer Natchus & family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



Love, Mike & Jennifer Natchus & family. - November 04, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LF

“ Love, Mike & Jennifer Natchus & family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Jean Wendling.

Love, Mike & Jennifer Natchus & family. - November 04, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



November 04, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



November 04, 2024 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Barnhill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol Jean Wendling.



Carolyn Barnhill - November 04, 2024 at 10:03 AM

PB

“ Carol was always a wonderful and generous host whenever we visited at their house. Her love for Mike and family was easily seen in her care and concern for all of them. A favorite remembrance is when she and Mike came to OK for our daughter’s wedding. We three Wendling sisters and Carol had a great time together arranging flowers, sharing stories, and in the evening playing cards; Carol had all of us laughing. We will miss her sweet demeanor and smiling face! Pat Wendling Bartley

Pat Bartley - November 02, 2024 at 09:40 PM