



Carol Shaffer

April 20, 2026

Carol Shaffer, 88, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026. Born in Erie, PA, she was the daughter of the late Theodore A. and Julie Ada Reinhold Kane. She would tell you she lived her dream as the beloved and treasured wife to her husband, Bill for 57 years. She treasured the years she spent raising her 4 children, doting on her 10 grandchildren, and finally meeting her first great-grandchild.

A Christian Education major and graduate of West Va Wesleyan College, Carol became a Deaconess at her home church in Wesleyville, PA before becoming housemother to a group of runaway teenage girls at the Henderson Settlement in Hendersonville, KY. She cherished this calling for the love and faith she could give and share with these young women.

After starting her family, Carol helped establish a Christian preschool at Christ United Methodist Church in Arlington, VA, and served on a committee responsible for setting the first state guidelines for public preschools. As preschool Director for over a decade, Carol worked with teachers, parents, and children daily, to provide a caring and learning environment for her, and many other families' children. Carol was active in school leadership during her kid's education, serving as PTA president, and playing an engaged and guiding role in her children's education and development. Throughout her life, Carol provided her children, and later her grandchildren with precious advice

and encouragement to face challenges and live life.

Carol also served her Lord through her culinary talents, cooking for shut-ins, neighbors, church events, school events, those with illness and just to share her love. She filled her days providing a loving home for her family, caring for her parents, helping neighbors and friends and assisting others by getting them to and from their appointments or with errands. Helping others get to where they needed to be, church, the store, a farmer's flower stand, became one of Carol's cherished purposes, a way to lend a hand and help others, to be of service.

Carol served on the Board of Trustees, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Finance, and Worship committees at her church, and used her excellent speaking skills in her role as Lay Speaker, even delivering a sermon or two. She helped organize school and church fundraisers, community events, and weddings and funerals at the church while never missing an evening home cooked meal for her family or a welcome home from work to her husband. Carol Shaffer "adopted" every child that walked in her door and they felt free to call her mom.

After retiring to Willow Valley, Carol served in her new church on several committees and as liturgist until she could no longer walk down the aisle. Carol Shaffer's heavenly gift was spreading the Love of Christ through her open arms and selfless deeds. Everyone who knew her, knew her God, and the light she brought upon this world will continue through the faith she instilled in her family. Rest in His peace mom.

Carol is survived by her sister, Judie Kunkle and her four children: Robert A. Shaffer (Rose), Kenneth M. Shaffer (Eileen), Michael W. Shaffer (Sandra), daughter, Pamela Shaffer, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Leslie Shaffer who passed in

2019.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Carol's Funeral Service at Lampeter United Methodist Church, 1101 Village Road, Lampeter, PA on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend John Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. A private interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Henderson Settlement, P.O. Box 205, Frakes, KY 40940 or Lampeter United Methodist Church, 1101 Village Road, P.O. Box 188, Lampeter, PA 17537.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

60 Indiantown Gap Rd
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 865-5254

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lampeter United Methodist Church
1101 Village Road
Lampeter, PA 17537

Funeral Service

APR 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lampeter United Methodist Church
1101 Village Road
Lampeter, PA 17537

Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Shaffer.*



May 11 at 12:44 PM



“ *It is over 40 years ago now since I saw Carol last time in person, however I still remember the vibrant family atmosphere and her vivid voice as if it were yesterday. My condolences with you Bob, Ken, Mike & Pam now becoming the "old" generation, as it also happened to us only 2 months ago. Hug from Munich, Stephen*

Stephen - April 26 at 03:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Shaffer.*



April 23 at 08:46 PM

LO

“ I met Carol as a caregiver/ companion through Connections. Carol was a joy to spend time with. I loved learning about her life, hearing of great love for her family. One of my favorite stories Carol shared with me was about how she asked the gardener not to mow down the dandelions, they were the first flower a child gives their mother. I mowed around mine today. She will be missed here but am happy to think of her rejoicing in heaven.

Lorraine - April 23 at 07:25 PM

SM

“ Carol was a kind and loving person, always with a smile on her face and a warm greeting. She would always stop at the deli to pick up her Grilled Chicken Salad and always was so kind to me and my staff. We shared a few good laughs! She will be deeply missed. May her memory be eternal!

*Steve Marinos
Cravings Deli*

Steve Marinos - April 23 at 05:02 PM

LW

“ As a Sales Counselor at Willow Valley, Carol & Bill were some of my favorites, so warm and kind to all. Your family has a true legacy of love and faith.

Laura Walker

Laura Walker - April 23 at 10:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Shaffer.*



April 23 at 08:00 AM



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

April 23 at 08:00 AM



“ *I was lucky enough to be one of Carol's aids when she was in the glen. We would sit and chat for hours. Telling me all about her home in Erie and that in her small town during the parades people would throw peanuts in the tuba and they had to stop the parade every year for the guy to empty out his tuba. We laughed and laughed about that. Carol was one of my first residents I bonded with. She will always hold a special place in my heart. She was a very special lady and I hope she is eating her MnMs and Pringles Mingles up in heaven. Sending so many thoughts and prayers to her family during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely
Rachel Baum*

RACHEL BAUM - April 22 at 01:13 PM



Rachel, thank you so much for this. The tuba guy...that was my dad :)

Pamela Engel - April 22 at 02:32 PM

MB

“ I met Carol and Bill back in 1966 when my parents, Howard and Wilma Coile, and brother, Dick and I (10y), moved from Massachusetts to Arlington, VA, and joined Christ United Methodist Church. My parents went to a prayer/share group with the Shaffers and 5-8 other couples, monthly, meeting in each others homes, often for cookouts with children included. Carol and Bill also were UM Youth Fellowship counselors during my Jr/Sr High teen years. When I was old enough to babysit, they asked me to watch over Bob, Ken, Mike and Pam. Sometimes I would just walk several blocks from my house over to their house, and chit/chat with Carol or Bill about faith, HS problems, or how they handled issues with children or work. I enjoyed "growing up" with them. When I found the man I wanted to marry for a lifetime, I asked Carol to be one of my bridesmaids. She thought I was crazy. She became a close friend. Why shouldn't she? My husband, Jim and I have enjoyed keeping up with Carol and Bill for many years, as we have visited with them several times in Penn. I know she has missed Bill since he's gone to heaven. I know she is now glad to be in Christ's presence and Bill's too. Thank you Bob, Ken, Mike and Pam for loving your parents, and taking care of them in their last days on earth. Love to you all, Melody Coile Bell

Melody Coile Bell - April 22 at 10:40 AM

PE

Melody, mom treasured that picture of you two at your wedding. And yes, she thought of you as a daughter, and also a friend.

Pamela Engel - April 22 at 02:33 PM