



Carol Ford

December 14, 1943 - June 30, 2022

Carol Ford, 78, of Concord Twp., passed away June 30, 2022 at home. She was born December 14, 1943 in Erie, PA to the late John and Margarethe “Marge” (Sanera) Kraschneske.

Carol had a passion for music. She came from a musical family, where she often listened to her father rehearse with his Barbershop Quartet, as well as listening to her parents sing in church choir. Carol was raised in the Lutheran church, joining many different choirs throughout her years there. When she was old enough, she joined the senior choir and joined in singing with her parents. Carol spent her entire adult life teaching others. Even as a child, Carol was destined to be a teacher. One day during her childhood, she set up chairs for her sister and her dolls, and “taught class”. Over her 50+ years of teaching, her passion and love for music was passed on to countless children, as well as adults.

Carol graduated from Edinboro University and began her teaching career at Leroy Elementary School in 1966. She spent 2 summers touring Europe which she spoke of fondly.

Carol married her husband John (Jack) Ford in 1974. In 1977 she welcomed her first child, Megan, and in 1980 her son, Eric. After taking time off for her children she returned to teaching and finished her teaching career at Madison

Schools. Along the way she also taught at Lake Erie College.

Carol was very involved in her church, joining the music ministry at Painesville United Methodist Church in 1970. She began with teaching the children's choir, moving into many other roles during her 50+ year career at the church. She has directed several music groups at the church, including the Whitfield Girls' Choir, Children's Bells, Youth Bells, and directed 6 musicals. Carol taught several of her students at PUMC instrument and / or vocal lessons. While Carol was in college, she spent one summer singing with the Chautauqua Opera.

Carol taught herself how to play the Harp and went on to teaching others and playing at many Weddings and other events. In her music room at home, she had musical instruments from all over the world, as her husband John was a Merchant Marine who would bring instruments home from other countries, and she could play every one of them.

In her spare time Carol loved to knit, sew, weave baskets, and work on her large loom. She has made her own yarn on a spinning wheel and was a collector of clocks and blue glass.

Carol was a member of Gamma Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma an education honorary since 1975. She served as president and many other leadership roles in the organization. Carol was also an active member of Lake County Music and Drama.

During her last month, she was cared for by Margaret from Cherished Companions, and her hospice nurse Sara from Miracle City Hospice, who kept her happy and comfortable.

Survivors include her children, Megan (Richard) Dorenkott and Eric Ford; grandchildren, Evan, Leon and Jason Dorenkott; sister, Beth (John) Fisher, Sister-in-law Judy Ford, nephew Steven (Teresa) Ford, Karen E. Fisher, Jeffrey A. Fisher, and Sara Fisher Paculdo, her loving cousins Bob (Julie) Peterson, Paula (John) Hutzell, Barbara Neider, Nancy Meikle, Arthur, Karen, and Michael Sanera, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other loving family members and many friends.

Preceding Carol in death is her husband, John "Jack" Ford, brother-in-law Robert Ford, and nephew F. Aaron Ford

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Painesville United Methodist Church, 71 N. Park Pl., Painesville, Ohio, 44077. A celebration of life luncheon will take place in Parsons Hall at the church following the service.

Burial to take place 11:15 AM Monday, July 25, 2022 at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd., Seville, Ohio 44273. Please meet at the entrance of the cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Painesville United Methodist Church.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

10175 Rawiga Rd.
Seville, OH 44273
(330) 335-3069

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 23. 10:30 AM (ET)

Painesville United Methodist Church
71 N Park Place
Painesville, OH 44077
(440) 354-3642

Tribute Wall



“ Carol was a beautiful person inside and out She loved her music and teaching it. It was so easy to talk to her. She would do anything for any one. R.i.p Pam Bush



Pam Bush - July 22, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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“ Mrs. Ford was my elementary school music teacher at Homer Nash Kimball. I was in fourth grade when she retired. I loved music class with her so much. The way she wove history and music together is something that has influenced me to this day. I carry many lessons she taught all these years later. She was a beloved teacher.

Abigail Bottar - July 20, 2022 at 10:30 PM

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“ Carol gave her life to teaching, serving, and helping others. She was a dedicated member of her church and a leader of the education honorary, DKG. I first got to know her at the Y when our children were very young. I knew her through church and DKG over the years as well. She will be missed by many. Her talent and faith were evident in everything she did.

Pam Richmann - July 13, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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“ I am thankful to have been under the tutelage of Carol for my middle and high school years. She has touched and changed the lives of so many students -- all for the love of her talents. God Bless you, family. I know she is playing her harp in heaven.

Debbie Amos Isbell - July 11, 2022 at 09:01 AM

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“ Carol and I spent much family time together as cousins, raised in Erie, PA. However, it wasn't until well into adulthood that I more fully appreciated the tremendous talent, which she shared with her community. Yet, her talent was overshadowed by her drive and tenacity. She was the vehicle that took me to greater understanding of our family, for which I will be thankful till the end of my days. Carol, you are missed by many.

Robert Peterson - July 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM