



Carol Anderson Kraus

October 30, 1934 - June 26, 2025

Carol Anderson Kraus, 90, last surviving child of Harold and Margaret Anderson, died peacefully at Hospice of Northwest Ohio Toledo on June 26, 2025.

Carol lived her life in service to family and community. Her inherent warmth and openness drew in people who needed her love, support, or counsel. She proudly called Motherhood her life's work. Carol was deeply committed to nurturing her eight children, their spouses, and thirty-one grandchildren. Her joyful marriage with Paul Kraus spanned from 1960 until his death in 2018. Her joy has since been incomplete, and her family rejoices at their reunion.

Carol was a Gesu parishioner from 1960-1979. Her children were educated there, followed by St Joan of Arc Parish. She was an SJA parishioner until her death. Her support of family alma maters included Central Catholic, St. Ursula Academy, St. Francis de Sales, St John's Jesuit, and Notre Dame Academy where she served on advisory and school boards. She did everything from cooking to major fundraising to sharing her wisdom as a featured speaker. Even after all her children finished high school, she was a volunteer tutor at SJJ. She advocated for Toledo-area children as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), and served on the Citizen Review Board. She was a passionate volunteer and board member for Hospice of Northwest Ohio for more than a decade. Carol was a prolific and quiet servant and philanthropist

on every scale.

Carol was an integral part of the early success and growth of The Andersons. During the Big Pour in 1953, she and Fran Anderson, fed more than 200 workers three meals per day. She helped account for the physical and financial flows of grain purchases and sales in the company's early days. Carol also founded and ran the summer camp for employees' children, an innovative HR benefit. Harold Anderson wrote of his daughter in a 1964 history of The Andersons, "Carol is the diplomat of the family. It would be impossible to imagine any personnel problem that could not be solved by (her)."

She is survived by her eight children, their spouses, and 31 adoring grandchildren: John and Ana (Arcocha), Kelly, Kevin, Daniel and Emily; Joseph and Marie (Vedra), Katherine, Elizabeth and Frances; Gretchen Hartlage, Carson, Claire, Cecilia and Joan; Susan and Chris Dziubek, Margaret, Ellen, Jacob and Caroline; Thomas and Paula (Koshiol), Virginia, Grace, Eli, and Mary Josephine; Frances and Michael Larkin, Ryan, Jack, Nora and Margaret; Philip and Jennifer (Hergenrather), Olivia, Noah, and Joshua; Eric and Jenny (Hills), Mary Carol, Anderson, William, Paxton, and Margot. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Fran Anderson and an extensive extended family. Last, she is survived by the countless people who were not her blood relatives, but called her Mom or Grammy.

Carol truly saw the face of God in every person. She laughed easily and often. She was a light, and her love will remain.

Visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 1 at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd, Toledo. The last 90 minutes will include an opportunity for memory sharing. Visitation will continue at St Joan of Arc Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, on Wed, July 2, at 10:00 am, with a

Funeral Service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Rather than flowers, her children would prefer donations to either CASA <<https://casakids.net/donate/>> or Hospice of Northwest Ohio (<<https://hospicenwo.org>>)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Sharing of Memories

JUL 1. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Dearest Sue (Dew) and all of the Kraus~Anderson Fam, sending much love and admiration for a life well lived -and beautifully reflected at her Celebration of LIFE!

I'd like to share something that I love and reminds me of your mom:

“Don't let life pass you by, enjoy each day, laugh loudly, love unconditionally, play hard, work diligently, pursue passion, give lots of hugs, but most of all drink deeply from the well of life. (Unknown)

With love,

Patti Tressler Doerr

Patti Doerr - July 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM

MI

“ The Krause/ Anderson families are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. A memory I would like to share is what a mentor/friend Carol was to my sister in law Marta Wurster who was a housekeeper for Margaret Anderson in the mid-sixties. Marta was German and I recall her saying how helpful Carol was in teaching her the English language.

My oldest brother John Irmen, also was working at the Anderson farm as a groundskeeper during this time. Somehow he and Marta began to know each other and eventually married. I think Carol also served to be Marta's matron of honor.

Mark Irmen

Mark Irmen - July 03, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MB

“ Love to the Kraus family from the Beazley family. Our parents felt so blessed to land in Gesu parish when we moved to Toledo. Some of their (and our) fondest memories are a result of their involvement with CFM (the Christian Family Movement). They cherished the time they spent with Carol and Paul in a friendship that had a beginning but no end. Carol always showed that she was determined to live a purposeful life in every role in which she served -- whether the role was handed to her or whether she sought it out. So many have been blessed by her kindness and hard work. I know the Kraus family will carry forward the abundant love that Carol shared. With love from Mary Beth and all the Beazleys

Mary Beth Beazley - July 03, 2025 at 10:36 AM

JO

Well stated. This CFM group was a remarkably powerful friendship anchored in deep care and love. Carol and Paul lived their lives modeled the Christian Family. They will be missed.

James OConor - July 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

LR

“ John, you and your family are in my thoughts and have my sympathy. The tribute to your mom was beautiful.

Laura Roberts - July 03, 2025 at 07:18 AM

AM

“ My thoughts, prayers, and sincere condolences to each of you - Carol's cherished family. I regret I can't be there to join in celebrating the life of your genuinely unique mother/grandmother ! After a friendship stretching way back 77 years to 1948 at SUA, I can still hear her very magnificent laugh! I shall forever be grateful to her for introducing this only child to her joyous family life!! Words to describe Carol are many - caring friend, gracious hostess, talented organizer, inspiring leader, to name a few - but the very first word that comes to my mind at the name Carol Anderson Kraus is WISE- TRULY WISE! "There is none like her - none!!" She was a gift and memories of her gifts remain and will be cherished by each of you - and so many, many of those of us she has touched thru the years.

Gratefully, AnnaMary (Hrycyk) McDonough .

AnnaMary McDonough - July 01, 2025 at 06:10 PM

GK

“ Dear Susan , what beautiful memories your mother has left you, hold them dear, blessings to you and yours always, Genevieve GehaKirkbride

Genevieve Kirkbride - July 01, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CW

“ I first met Carol in the mid 80's. I was selling Toyotas at the time and she was helping buy a car for one of her children. We connected and in time she bought other cars from me for other children, even sending brother Tom to buy a car for one of his children. We stayed in touch, me calling her from time to time to see if any other purchases were coming up. In 1986 during a call I mentioned to her my wife was pregnant with our fourth child. I told her we were hiding it from my parents as my dad firmly thought we could not afford more children[he was highly pro choice.] Carol was so reassuring and encouraging to me, a wonderful breath of fresh air at a time I greatly needed it. I am so thankful for my friendship with Carol, she was a Godsend when I most needed it.

Sincerely,
Chris Wilson

Chris Wilson - July 01, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Anderson Kraus.



July 01, 2025 at 02:16 PM



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

July 01, 2025 at 02:16 PM

C:

“ Con, Leen, Annab, and Emma :) purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Anderson Kraus.



Con, Leen, Annab, and Emma :) - July 01, 2025 at 08:17 AM

MM

“ John, Joe, Gretchen, Sue, Tom, Philip, Francie, and Eric sending love and prayers to all of you and your families, at this difficult time. Your Mom was one very special lady and when I think of her, which is often, I always remember her smile. We had many fun times in Westmoreland! Hugs to all of you from Mrs. Murawa, Liz, Joe, Sue, Laura, Andrew, and myself.

♥ Mary

Mary Ellen MURAWA - June 30, 2025 at 09:31 PM

PE

“ Phoebe, Jordan, Carolyn, Emily, and Ella purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carol Anderson Kraus.



Phoebe, Jordan, Carolyn, Emily, and Ella - June 30, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SA

“ My Dear Sweet friend , Carol, what a loving beautiful Woman. She tried to teach me to swim at the summer camps, many years ago . I believe I told her not too long ago, that it was not her failing. Lol. I loved our conversations while styling her hair.
Carol you are the best, Im impressed at being a best Mom, wife, friend and being an example to all her family, my family and ofcourse all her children. (Which aren't kids anymore) lol. love your family's and parents. She was a gift to all of us. ❤️

Sandra - June 30, 2025 at 03:41 PM

C(

“ Gretchen I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. She always had a smile on her face when I would see her and was very welcoming and warm. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. 🙏🙏🙏

Cathy Nelson-Aufdencamp (Seif) - June 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ My memories of Carol go back to summer camp. Those days were so much fun and I credit her for her patience teaching me to swim!! The end of the day rides back to the offices and silos where our dads worked were an adventure never to be forgotten stuffed into the red station wagon!
My prayers are with all of you as you celebrate a beautiful woman and her amazing life.
Blessings...
Jennifer Hemsoth Hepner 🙏

Jennifer Hemsoth Hepner - June 29, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MA

In Loving Memory of a Remarkable Woman

It's not easy to find the right words when someone so cherished leaves this world. [Carol Anderson Kraus] wasn't just a mother—she was a guiding light, a quiet strength, and a heart full of kindness. Whether it was the warmth of her smile or the wisdom in her words, she left a lasting impression on everyone lucky enough to know her.

She nurtured not only her own family but also the people around her with generosity, grace, and unwavering love. Her memory lives on in the stories we share, the values she instilled, and the love she gave so freely.

Even now, I still catch her scent—graceful and familiar, like the perfume she wore with such quiet elegance. It lingers in the air like a soft echo of her presence, reminding me that love doesn't fade. She carried herself with style and warmth, and somehow, even her fragrance felt like a hug. . Maria

Maria - June 29, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Anderson Kraus.*



June 29, 2025 at 11:28 AM



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

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MC

“*Sad for the family and community's loss, but how blessed we all are to have had this wonderful family in our lives. With deepest sympathy.*”

Mary Carr - June 29, 2025 at 10:36 AM

NS

“*The Swank's are sorry for your loss. What a beautiful life lived and what a legacy. May she rest in peace reunited with her husband.*”



Nicole Swank - June 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM

TP

“*This woman of faith and conviction waa a true blessing in my life. I am grateful that God touched me thru her wisdom. May the angels lead her home. Know that you are all in my prayers during these difficult days.*”

Terri Pastura - June 28, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SK

“ I had the privilege of attending The Andersons day camp. I remember their house was by the arts and crafts building and pool. I also remember Carol, knowing everybody's names and always smiling, always pleasant and we weren't intimidated by her were in awe of her. She was as beautiful in and out as royalty. I had the pleasure of knowing her.

She will be missed but leaves a wonderful legacy!

Fondly,

Shelly Wagener Konz

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Shelly Konz - June 28, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DG

I too attended Anderson Camp. What a gift , great time wonderful memories and unforgeable leaders! I recently saw Carol at the beauty salon, I had to remind her who I was, but she was quick to tell me some memorable stories, and I will never forget her soft and believable voice rest in heaven. Deb Wagener Graham

Deborah Graham - June 29, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KN

“ I met Carol through her daughter Sue who I taught with. When Sue took me to her parents house I adored Carol from the moment I met her. So wise, poised, kind, gracious, and welcoming. I picture her embracing our Savior.

karen nowicki - June 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MD

“ Although I did not know Mrs. Kraus, I do know her daughter, Sue, who has been married to my cousin, Chris, for a few decades. It is clear to me just how well Mr. & Mrs. Kraus raised the daughter I lovingly call my friend. My condolences to the Kraus family and my love and support is being sent to Sue and her family. ❤️

Monica Driscoll - June 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JS

“ I will always have the fondest memories of your mother. She was a spectacular woman through and through. I adored both your parents but your mother had that big smile and an amazing laughter that always reeled me in.....I have always considered your mother My friend. My heart goes out to all of you as you mourn and cope with your mom's passing.

John Sayre - June 28, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DA

“ Beloved Aunt Carol was so life-giving and luminescent, so regal and lovely, and yet so playfully down to earth and strong. Undergirding her strength were equal parts faith, grit, and courage. Her doors were always open. She baked the best cookies in the world and raised several litters of puppies with her family - talk about the perfect mom! She raised the most delightful, insightful and loving children. She listened and opened her heart and home to everyone. She adored Uncle Paul and had a partnership, friendship, and lifelong romance that inspired me profoundly, as well as probably everyone who knew her. My family in Boston still remembers the bridal shower she hosted for me over 35 years ago, it was that lovely and lively and fun. I used to joke with her: "Aunt Carol, I want to be YOU when I grew up." Honestly, it was no joke. #GOALS. Rest in peace and in the glory of God, Aunt Mocky. Give Uncle Paul my love! I will always love you! - Donna Anderson

Donna Anderson - June 27, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LS

“ Aunt Carol- what an absolute blessing you were in my life! You created a beautiful home, raised 8 great people, and taught me so much about life. You were a second mom to me and stepped into that role without even realizing it. Thank you for seeing me, for making time, for celebrating the joys in my life, inspiring me and guiding me. You lived life with integrity, intentionality, kindness, love, service and joy. I love you so much and feel endless gratitude for having had you in my life. -Lu Stauffer

Lu Stauffer - June 27, 2025 at 08:57 PM

KA

“ To all of the members of the Dziubek, Kraus, and Hartlage Families, especially those who I had the honor of teaching and those who raised those special young ladies, I extend my deepest condolences. May your wonderful memories and faith bring you much comfort during these difficult days. -karri adler

Karri Adler - June 27, 2025 at 06:41 PM