



Carol J. Steele

April 21, 1946 - October 8, 2025

Carol J. Steele, age 79, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2025. Carol was born on April 21, 1946, in Buffalo, New York, to the late Charles and Hazel (née Stevens) Staudt.

A woman of deep faith and community spirit, Carol was an active and lively member of Mentor Plains United Methodist Church for over 40 years. She embodied scripture passages like Ephesians 4, exemplifying her call of humility, gentleness, patience, and love, to all who crossed her path. She dedicated her vibrant energy to many passions, including Sew for Service, her many Bible study groups, and her book club. She also found joy participating in her Parkinson's support group, and loved her work with Mary Kay Cosmetics, empowering others to feel appreciated. Carol adored sweets, knitting, reading, film photography, hosting for the holidays, and sightseeing during her many travels. She was an avid crafter, lifelong learner, dear friend, Lakesider, and lover of life. Her servant's heart affected so many, and will be missed for years to come. Above all, Carol was profoundly dedicated to her family and the Lord, creating a sense of "home" whenever in her presence.

Carol is survived by her devoted, steadfast husband of 57 years, Scott Steele, and their four children: Julie Steele, Eric Steele, Jennifer Eberly, and Brian Steele. She was a cherished grandmother to Alexander, Hunter (McKenzie), Taylor, Isobel, Ian, and Isaac, and a proud great-grandmother to Silas. She is

also survived by her siblings: Mary (Creighton), Charles (Sandy), and David (Anya), as well as a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM, also at the funeral home. Carol will be laid to rest at Whitehaven Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Whitehaven Memorial Park

615 Som Center Road
Mayfield, OH 44143

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations
35400 Curtis Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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35400 Curtis Blvd.
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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I met Carol on a Ladies Christian Retreat 2 years ago. She was one of my Roommates. She was very kind. I just found out on today (May 13, 2026) of her passing. She will be greatly missed.

Jessica Culpepper - May 13 at 08:29 AM

SH

“ Sending my sincere sympathy to all of Carol's family and friends. Carol was so sweet with such a kind way about her. We so enjoyed exercising with her at the senior center in Mentor. □ We had some fun times. We will miss her sweet smile. She is at peace, and I know we will see her again. God bless.
Sincerely, Sharon B. (Fitness instructor)

sharon - October 29, 2025 at 06:06 PM

TF

“ The Rankin Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carol J. Steele.



The Rankin Family - October 17, 2025 at 08:34 PM

KC

“ In loving memory of our very sweet cousin, my sisters, Linda Staudt Black and Karen Staudt Shaw and I, Kathy Staudt Leger planted a tree in her memory. We have many fun memories and will miss her greatly. Sending love and prayers to the family.

Kathy Staudt Leger, Carol's cousin - October 17, 2025 at 02:17 PM

KL

“ Kathy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol J. Steele.

Kathy L. - October 17, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to the whole family. Carol was a wonderful person and she will be missed. I enjoyed having her in Bible Study...May God Bless all of you. Don McCoy

Don McCoy - October 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

KC

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Kathy Staudt Leger, Carol's cousin - October 17, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SF

“ Shawna Finger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol J. Steele.

Shawna Finger - October 17, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol J. Steele.



October 17, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



October 16, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ *Esther Circle, Mentor Plains UMC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



Esther Circle, Mentor Plains UMC - October 15, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *The Sopnicar families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



The Sopnicar families - October 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Maria Harter & family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



Maria Harter & family - October 14, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



October 13, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *The Rafferty Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol J. Steele.*

The Rafferty Families - October 13, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



October 13, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol J. Steele.*



October 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM

RD

“ Randolph, Tabitha, and David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol J. Steele.

Randolph, Tabitha, and David - October 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

RD

“ Randolph, Tabitha, and David purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol J. Steele.



Randolph, Tabitha, and David - October 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CK

“ Dear Steeles,

Our hearts grieve with you at her passing but rejoice in knowing Carol has entered into eternal life. Free of physical limitations and pain!! Our hearts go out to you, our prayers are with you, and God's heart is to comfort you in her absence. Jesus has welcomed her Home. The baton of keeping family has been passed. Love each other well, do what she would've done .. reach out to each other and spend time making memories, honor God. We miss you. In His love,

Steve & Cindy Kempert

Cindy Kempert - October 11, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RS

Dear Scott and family,

For some reason we did not hear about your loss until this morning, Jan. 30. I wish we had known about it in October as we certainly would have attended her funeral service.

Please know that it was always one of our goals to keep up with Carol and continually be on the lookout for her at Lakeside. Now that we aren't home owners there anymore it's not been possible to keep up with what's been happening.

It was always remarkable how she continued to get around and even appear to be getting on better and better as the years went on. It was always great to see her. She was friendly and seemed genuinely glad to see us.

One thing that always impressed us was Scott's ability to care for her in stride. It never seemed like all the things he did for her were too much to handle. When you love someone that much the care he continually showed was just something he did because he wanted to.

Bless her for being such a wonderful light in your family.

Rose and Van

Rose and Van Speers - January 30 at 11:12 AM