



Carole Nadine Merkle

May 28, 1938 - March 22, 2023

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VISITATION AND SERVICE TIMES and LOCATON HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHUCH IN CHESTERTOWN*****

Carole Nadine Merkle of Chestertown, MD, died suddenly on March 22, 2023. She was 84.

She was born in Oakland, CA, on May 28, 1938, the daughter of the late James A. and Georgia Nutting Suffridge. She was a graduate of Washington & Lee High School and James Madison University (1960) with a Bachelor's degree specializing in Education.

She married Kent Merkle in 1962.

Carole taught 6th grade with the Arlington County Schools system until her children were born, at which time she stayed home to raise her family. She was on the board of the Hamlet Garden Club in Chevy Chase. She was active on the tennis and bowling teams at Columbia Country Club. She was co-librarian for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and the Mater Dei School for many years.

She and her husband, Kent, bought a farm in Kent County, MD, in 1984 and relocated permanently in 1998. Always interested in serving her community, Carole was involved with the Kent Association of Riding Therapy (K.A.R.T.), Kent County Tennis League, St. Martin's Ministries, and the Kent County YMCA.

She took great joy in maintaining the family farm and there were very few jobs she wouldn't take on. She loved gardening, cooking, and baking birthday cakes. She also stayed active playing tennis and paddle. She was particularly fond of spending time with her friends and creating new memories. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Melanie Merkle Sieber (Kurt) of Landenberg, PA, and Phillip Merkle (Deborah) of Bethesda, MD; and her grandchildren, Gregory Sieber, Brooke Maxey (Garrett), Madeline Merkle and Brian Merkle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 27 at 1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, MD where relatives and friends may visit two hours prior (11 a.m. to 1:00p.m.). Private interment will be in Old St. Paul's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Kent Riding Therapy Association (K.A.R.T), P.O. Box 126, Worton, MD 21678 or the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County, 10168 Worton Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Carole Nadine Merkle*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Phil and the Merkle family, I am sorry for your loss. I remember your mom, especially from our Mater Dei days. Reilly Dolan*

Reilly Dolan - March 28, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Carole was a model of kindness and generosity. We will remember her always.
Bob and Linda Kramer.*

Linda C Kramer - March 27, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Mr. Merkle, Melanie, Phil and families: Mrs. Merkle was one of a kind. Such a sweet, thoughtful and caring sole. She was like a 2nd Mom to most of Phil's friends in high school and college (and beyond). What a great lady, she will be sorely missed by all. My prayers go out to you while you grieve her passing. RIP Mrs. Merkle!*



Mike Walsh - March 27, 2023 at 01:18 PM

AG

“ *Annetta Graves lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Annetta Graves - March 27, 2023 at 06:22 AM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - March 25, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carole Nadine Merkle.*



March 24, 2023 at 10:00 PM

CJ

“ *Carla Fletcher Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Carla Fletcher Johnson - March 24, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carole Nadine Merkle.*



March 24, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Katie Warrington lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Katie Warrington - March 24, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *CINDY KING lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



CINDY KING - March 24, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Carole and her fierce spirit will be greatly missed. Love, Sean, Michele, Caleb, & Andrew.*

Michele Way - March 24, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carole Nadine Merkle.*



March 24, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Kent and Family, So very sorry. We will really miss Carole, and have wonderful memories of our times together. Your family is in our prayers.*
Love, Chuck, Nancy and Kim Wojciehowski

Nancy Wojciehowski - March 24, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Carole will be great missed. We were blessed to know her. Love Dave and Gail Maxey*



Gail Maxey - March 24, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carole Nadine Merkle.*



March 24, 2023 at 10:56 AM

MS

“ *Millie And Tot Strong lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Millie and Tot Strong - March 24, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AH

“ *I am so sorry to her that she had passed. She was such a nice lady. Thinking of the family at this difficult time.*



Anita Hayes - March 24, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Jeanette Stubbs - March 23, 2023 at 06:48 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Carole Nadine Merkle*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - March 23, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ *Kent and Family, Our sincere condolences. Carole was one of the most gracious, wonderful, caring ladies I have ever had the honor of knowing. We will keep y'all in our prayers.*



Jack n Anne Bigelow - March 23, 2023 at 04:53 PM