



Carol Mae Prichard

September 16, 1937 - April 19, 2024

Carol Mae Prichard (nee Payne), age 86, of North Tonawanda, entered into rest, Friday, April 19, 2024.

Mrs. Prichard was born September 16, 1937 to the late Carl Lee and Margaret (née Fisher) Payne.

Carol was a graduate of Tonawanda High School and was granted a scholarship to attend University of Pennsylvania Nursing School in Philadelphia, obtaining her degree and practicing as a Registered Nurse for over 50 years. She began her nursing career in the hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, worked in the emergency room at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda, New York and then transitioned to the Pediatric Office setting where she spent most of her career caring for children. She was an incredibly skilled Nurse, compassionate about her work, had the gift of “caring for others” and made a difference in so many people’s lives.

While in Nursing training in Philadelphia, she met the “love of her life” and future husband Bill, where together they shared a wonderful life filled with love and happiness.

Carol was active in her community serving as a member of the Business and Professional Women of Western New York, the North Tonawanda Garden Club, the DeGraff Hospital Women’s Auxiliary and North Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed singing in the Choir, serving as the Children’s Choir Director, Bowling, Traveling and spending time with her family and circle of dear friends. She had a love of music and displayed amazing talent in playing the

piano.

Over the last 10 years, Carol wintered in Fort Myers, Florida where she made many great friends and fond memories. She became actively engaged, participating in many social groups including Bible Study, Book Club, Cards, Travel Club, Ladies Lunches along with finding opportunities to attend Shows, Tours, Musical Performances and take trips both domestic and international. Her calendar was always full, but perhaps her most favorite activity was watching the sunset on the lake outside her window and appreciating the beauty and serenity of the world around her.

Beloved wife of 53 years of Bill Marshal Prichard; devoted mother of Yvonne Elizabeth (James) Southwell of Long Grove IL; loving grandmother of Austin Taylor Southwell; sister of Gail (Dennis) Baldwin, Karen (late Alastair) Treichler-Sellars, and Eileen (Michael) Gfroerer; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call SUNDAY, April 28th from 1-4 PM at the WATTENGEL Funeral Home 533 Meadow Drive North Tonawanda. Funeral Services will be held MONDAY, April 29th, at 10:00 AM at North Presbyterian Church, 168 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY.

Burial will be in Mt. View Cemetery, Cambria.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Mount View Cemetery

Upper Mountain Road
Cambria, NY 14132

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Funeral Service

APR 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

North Presbyterian Church
168 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you Yvonne on the loss of our dear Carol Mae.
Having worked with her for many years and remaining close friends after retiring, she will be sorely missed and live forever in our hearts.
MaryAnn Smaldone

MaryAnn Smaldone - April 27, 2024 at 12:45 AM

MS

A donation to St Jude's was made in Carol's memory

MaryAnn Smaldone - April 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM

ST

My deepest sympathies to you, Yvonne, Jim and Austin. Carol Mae was one of the best examples of how to live life to the fullest! Smart, funny, feisty, determined...I could go on and make this a very long post! I worked with her for years and considered her a dear friend. My daughter and granddaughters are in Tennessee right now, running a half/marathon for St Jude Hospital, dedicating it to the memory of Carol Mae. Rest in Peace, Carol Mae...reunited at last with your Bill.

Sally Tanner - April 27, 2024 at 05:01 PM

LF

“ Love The Brinker family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Carol Mae Prichard.



Love The Brinker family - April 26, 2024 at 03:47 PM

LM

“ So very sorry to hear of Carol Mae’s passing. I worked with her for 15 years and remember those times fondly. She was a true professional, dedicated and hard working! We had many, many laughs together and so many great times. Rest in peace my friend and my condolences to Yvonne, Jim and Austin, you meant the world to her!

Lori Metz - April 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM

YD

“ Your leaders & their directs... purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Carol Mae Prichard.



Your leaders & their directs... - April 26, 2024 at 11:24 AM

CN

“ My deepest sympathies to Carol Mae's entire family, such a loss for all of you. Carol Mae was such an example of grace, class, loyalty, a true friend. I have many fond memories of time with her - dinners, craft classes, visits at her house, a trip we took to Connecticut for her to visit her sisters, me to see my brother, and just laughing and talking together. And of course, decades of working together, such a professional. Many coworkers commented on several occasions how much they learned from Carol Mae. She was such a joy to know. Carol Mae was truly "a life well lived!". I will miss her. Carol N

Carol Northrup - April 25, 2024 at 06:08 PM

FS

“ From Mike, Jenny, Matthew, Andrew, Sam purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Carol Mae Prichard.



From Mike, Jenny, Matthew, Andrew, Sam - April 25, 2024 at 04:09 PM

FS

“ From Mike, Jenny, Matthew, Andrew, Sam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Mae Prichard.

From Mike, Jenny, Matthew, Andrew, Sam - April 25, 2024 at 04:09 PM



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



April 25, 2024 at 03:44 PM

RJ

“ Renee, Kristin, Emma, Aaron, Nik & Jakob purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Carol Mae Prichard.



Renee, Kristin, Emma, Aaron, Nik & Jakob - April 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM

RJ

“ Renee, Kristin, Emma, Aaron, Nik & Jakob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Mae Prichard.

Renee, Kristin, Emma, Aaron, Nik & Jakob - April 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Mae Prichard.



April 25, 2024 at 09:08 AM

JP

“ Jim's TDS/Q Family at PCA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Mae Prichard.

Jim's TDS/Q Family at PCA - April 25, 2024 at 09:08 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of my dear friend Carol Mae. We worked together for many years in Pediatrics and became fast friends. Carol Mae was strong, loyal, feisty and a lot of fun to be around! I'll miss our dinner get together so much! Yvonne, Jim and Austin my very deepest sympathies!! Rest in Peace Carol Mae until we meet again!!

Barbara Bennett - April 24, 2024 at 08:17 PM

PA

“ I worked with Carol Mae, at Kenmore pediatrics for eleven years, I always called her Carol be Mae 😊.. I use to tell her I already have a mom, stop being a mother to me. lol Carol never listen to me. Her grandson, and my son are a year apart. I always looked to Carol for advice on being a mother to my son. I am so glad I was able to see her this past year. Love you Carol be Mae

Paula - April 24, 2024 at 05:23 PM

GB

“ I have so many wonderful happy memories of Carol Mae (always Blanchie to me) from meeting in the Riverview Couples Bowling League to working with her for many years at Kenmore Pediatrics. She was an exceptional and always professional nurse....She was like a mother to me and a grandmother to my children.....I think my most special and treasured memory has to be our trip to Paris, France together in 2000 (although I could never prove she was there since she would never let her picture be taken) What a once in a lifetime trip that was and will always top my list of the most treasured times in our decades long relationship!!! I love you Blanchie and will miss you every day, but will be comforted that you are back with your Beloved and dearly missed Bill!!!

GAIL BROWNSTEN - April 24, 2024 at 03:30 PM

GK

“ Gail K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Mae Prichard.

Gail K. - April 24, 2024 at 03:19 PM