



Carol Ann Hoolehan

December 7, 1935 - May 25, 2011

Carol Ann Hoolehan, age 75, a resident of Royal Oak, died May 25, 2011 at her home. She was born December 7, 1935 in Detroit to the late Nan and Ray Head. Mrs. Hoolehan worked for GM Photographic and the Royal Oak School District. She was also a volunteer at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She is survived by her husband, John J. Hoolehan; the couple married February 1, 1958; children, Christopher Beth Hoolehan of Sandy Hook, CT and Holly Roy Ruhle of Royal Oak; and 12 grandchildren, Katherine, Tyler, Alexandra, Adam, Margaret, Jacqueline, Scott, Mark, Sean, Maria, Stephen and Jenna Ann. She was preceded in death by her sister, Donaldda Leach. Mrs. Hoolehan was extremely involved in various ministries at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, such as Ladies Guild, CSA, Eucharistic Minister, Adoration Chapel to mention a few. She also was an associate member of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Carol's vibrant, generous and gracious personality extended far beyond her loving family. The visitation will be Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Hoolehan will lie in state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, with Msgr. William Easton officiating. The burial will take place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy. Memorials to the National Shrine of the Little Flower Schools, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, 5900 Delhi Road, Mount Saint Joseph, OH 45051. Share your

memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Dear Jack, Carol was always so friendly on those occasions when I met and chatted with both of you. One could certainly sense the love she felt for you and others, and likewise your love for her and your family. Carol's good, spiritual presence will live on with all of us she touched. Sincerely, Bill West

Bill West - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Jack, Holly, Chris and the entire family. I was up North and ill when I read the Sunday Free Press on Monday night. My heart was broken for all of you and the sadness you must feel. I thought of her as a good friend. What a marvelous woman she was! I remember her on our trip to the Holy Land. The shock of everyone when the camel ran away with her in Egypt. Jack, I think the camel must have loved her to, but it sure was scary until the men in charge chased her camel and brought them back. I will always remember celebrating mass with you and Carol and the group from Shrine. Each time we met I felt so happy when she flashed that beautiful smile at me. She never failed to ask about my children and shared her stories about her grandchildren. She was so proud of them all. I will never forget Carol. She will always be in my prayers and heart. Sincerely, Kay Betanzos

Kay Betanzos - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ I remember when Mrs. Hoolehan introduced me to Shel Silverstein books. I still love his poems to this day and gave his books to my daughter. Dinners with our families and summers at the cottage in Holland were such happy memories as I grew up. When she and my mom visited me in college and we went to a haunted forest together, we laughed til we had tears in our eyes. She helped shape who I am and I feel so blessed to have such wonderful Godparents who truly lived up to the title. I will miss her.

Nicki Cramer Nesmith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Jack, Holly & Chris, We are saddened beyond words for the loss of Carol. I'm so thankful I was able to speak to her days before her hospital stay. She will always be close to my heart as my beloved cousin. I know the Lord will comfort you all in the days, months and years to come. For this short span in time we had the pleasure of sharing our lives and memories with Carol Ann Head Hoolehan. We all love you Carol and will miss you dearly. Love, Debbie

Debbie Head Day & Donald Day - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Chris and Family, my heartfelt condolences are with you. I hope your fondest memories of you mom, your family and those close to you can help pull you through this loss.

Richard Lasley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Chris, Teri and I are truly sorry for your loss. We want you to know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God look over and guide you during this most difficult time.

Ed Barlow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Carol will truly be missed by so many people. She was an angel sent from God. She touched my heart and so many others. There is no doubt she is in Heaven. I only wish I could be half as good as she was. I'm so sorry. Joni diefenbaker

Joni Diefenbaker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Jack, Chris, Holly and your families, Due to unforeseen circumstances we are not able to be with you at this time . Carol was a wonderful woman and we will miss her very much. We feel blessed she graced our lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Richard, Jim and Nanette

RICHARD LATHAM, JIM LATHAM AND NANETTE AND ROBERT PREECE -
March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Jack, Holly, Chris, & Grandchildren, & Family: My sincere condolences to you and the family for the passing to eternal life of such an amazing, loving, special, and faithful lady. Carol is a very very special person. You and Carol opened up your delightful hearts to home my parents and family during my priesthood ordination. You are hold so special and dear to me, and my family. My mother Lagi and the Patau family sent thei great sympathy to your family. Carol is with her Lord and Savior. May perpetual light shine upon Carol Lord, and her good soul rest in your peace and love. Amen. Rev. Siaosi Patau

Rev. Siaosi Patau - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ From the first day I met Carol she made me feel like I had known her all my life. She welcomed me with a warm, loving friendship that I will always cherish. Carol was someone who could make you feel like you were the center of the world when you were talking to her...she gave that much love and attention to every single person she met. My heart breaks for Jack, Holly, and Chris and the rest of the family, she was loved and will be missed so very much. Lunches on Wednesdays at Shrine will never be the same again without Carol there to pick up the "girls" while Jack and Jim would often ride off in Jack's fancy red car! God has a very special angel up there to help Him now - and we know that she will be watching over us all, because...that is who Carol was, someone who took care of and watched over everyone. May Jesus welcome her home with a loving embrace.

Vicki Holtyn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Dear Hoolehan/Ruhle families ~ Shrine is truly blessed to have you as part of our community. Carol exemplified service and her kindness that she extended to everyone that she met was remarkable. We will all miss her beautiful smile and gracious touch. Her love for Jack, Holly, Chris, and all her grandchildren was so abundant and we all enjoyed listening to her stories that were full of pride for her family. May God Bless you all! Love, The York's Matt, Joanne, Donald, Madeleine, and Kim

Joanne York - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Mrs. Hoolehan: Thank you for allowing me to be close with your family. Thank you for what you have done through passion and loving care for kids. Thanks for being so wonderful.

Nolan Fisher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Jack, Chris and Holly, We are so saddened to hear this news. Our most vivid memories are of the night of our arrival on Edgewood at about 2am. Carol came out and welcomed us! When we told her our motel was full, she called the police to help us find a place to stay. Then in the morning she brought us coffee and rolls and sent you, Chris, to help us unload our truck remember the piano!. Soon after Carol organized a trip to the Renaissance Center and you showed us the city. Could there ever have been better neighbors? We we so sorry when you moved, but it has been our pleasure to be connected all these years. It is unimaginable to us that Carol is gone. We will treasure our memories of her delightful presence. Our very deepest sympathies to you and your very special families. Jan and Tony Schmitt

Jan and Tony Schmitt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ We were so sorry to hear the news about Carol. After all the medical problems she had had to deal with over the last few years, the news of her passing was really a terrible shock. Carol and Jack have been just like members of our family for many years. We have celebrated family gatherings on joyous as well as sad occasions. She was loved and will be missed by so many of us who admire and love her. Her reason for living was to help others. I guess God wanted her help up in heaven with Him now. Jack,Holly,Chris,and all of your families we are sorry for your loss and will pray for God to give you His peace. Love to you all, Cindy,Jose,Veronica,Danny,and all the Koledo Family

Cindy & Jose DeAlmeida - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Carol. She was always such a positive person to be around. She will be missed by many I'm sure.

Marty Sauer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the Hoolehan and Ruhle Families, From the time I met Chris sitting on the railroad tides next to the ballfield at Longfellow he had ripped his pants in the 3rd grade, Mr. and Mrs. Hoolehan became a big part of my life. Their warmth, love and family bond enveloped me and it was always cherished. This feeling never left as a few months ago Mrs. Hoolehan called me to wish me all the best with my engagement...45 years later, but still the sincere, loving person that defined Mrs. Hoolehan. The years have not diminished the adoration or affection that I have for Mrs. Hoolehan, which was built upon a foundation of consistent good memories. All the best to the Hoolehan and Ruhle families. With sincere condolences.

Dario Benedetti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Holly and family, Peter and I are so sorry for your loss. I only met your mom a few times, but found her to be a kind, gentle lady. Holly you possess these same qualities. She will live on through you, and all those whose lives she touched.

Mary Jo Albert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To Mr. Hoolehan and your entire family, Our hearts are deeply saddened to hear of Mrs. Hoolehan's sudden passing. She touched our hearts each and every time we saw her, she had a way of doing that. Just seeing you both last week after mass was a special time, when you met our newest addition and Mrs. Hoolehan held her in her caring arms and smiled brightly down at her. What a gift for our daughter to receive that loving look. We were touched to receive her precious baby card in the mail on Tuesday. Her words are so meaningful and true to her heart. I will cherish that card always, as I will cherish the life that this wonderful woman once lived here on earth but has now moved on to do great things with our heavenly Father. I will miss seeing her after mass and hearing her talk so proudly of her children and grandchildren. Her bright smile will forever shine upon us all from up above. Our deepest sympathies.

Philip & Francesca Sobeck and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are saddened that this beautiful light will no longer grace us. We have known Carol from our days at St. Mary's and this beautiful lady was never without kind words, a brilliant smile and joyful enthusiasm for whatever task needed to be done. You will be missed. To all in the Hoolehan family, our heartfelt condolences. Barry and Edie Saunders

Barry and Edie Saunders - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Words cannot express how sad we feel over your loss. We just pray that Carol is in a better place and is looking down on all of us, continuing to share her blessings with us. So sorry we cannot be with you at this time. We are out of town for the baptism of a new granddaughter. Carol will truly be missed.

Dan and Diane Stock - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Carol was a beautiful & gracious woman full of kindness & constant joy.

Joan Kramer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Carol blessed me with being my wife and being a good friend. I always knew I was loved by a very special person. She had the ability to share herself without limits and loved every moment of it. Her children and grandchildren were the were the apple of her eyes. She is now with her God and we will miss her.

Jack Hoolehan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Carol was a beautiful loving woman. She did everything with an incredible spirit of enthusiasm. She was generous not only of her time but of herself. She will be missed but her spirit of giving will live on.

jamie kelly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Jack, We first met Carol when she worked with our children at Northwood School. She was a very special person, and truly will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to you, Chris, Holly, and Carol's entire beloved family.

Fran Elder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ Mom, remember when we were sitting at the red light at Washington and Catalpa over 40 years ago and you and your sister asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I immediately replied, "I don't want to be anyone, I want to be just like you!" You laughed and said you were not quite sure I meant that as a compliment. For me I saw your role as wife and mother as a place of honor. Loving and caring for Dad was your joy and privilege. Raising Chris and I was a responsibility you never took lightly. Beyond instilling in us our faith in God, your primary focus was that we knew how to love and treat others with respect, kindness, empathy, patience, generosity, and sincerity. You taught us that love was not just a feeling, but life in action. I am so broken now yet so grateful that God chose you for me. With all my love, Holly

Holly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Carol was such a dear friend and colleague of my mother, Dorothy Rennels. My mother cherished their friendship and even kept all those thoughtful cards and pictures that Carol sent to her over the years. Carol not only remembered all those special days, like birthdays and anniversaries, but she would just call "out of the blue" to bring tidings of joy. Whenever my mother said "Carol Hoolighan called today", I knew it was another day where my mother's spirits soared on the wings of the dearest of friends. John E. Rennels

John E. Rennels - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Jack and family, We are deeply saddened by the loss of Carol. She was such a vibrant and larger-than- life person and will be sorely missed. To be touched by Carol was so special. She was so uplifting and positive and always had a kind and comforting word to share. Please know that we are here for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers always. Love, The Tatomir Famiy Barney, Pat, Sarah and Michael

Pat Tatomir - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. It was always a treat for Alex to stop by on Halloween and provide us an opportunity to catch up and share a few laughs. :-

Lapham's - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ For our Cousin Carol, "I had not learned to let go with the hands, As still I have not learned to let go with the heart, And have no wish to with the heart - nor need, That I can see. The mind - is not the heart. I may yet live, as I know others live, To wish in vain to let go with the mind - Of cares, at night, to sleep; but nothing tells me That I need learn to let go with the heart." Robert Frost A poet's words. Our hearts. Love, Sheila and Don Cameron

Don and Sheila Cameron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathies to Jack, Roy, Holly and the rest of your family. Our prayers are with all of you. Kay and I have worked the Fish Fry the last two years and we know how much Carol loved coming to that and toping it off with a hot fudge sundae. She will be missed by so many people!

Tony & Kay Snow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jack and your family during this difficult time. Vickie and I enjoyed our visit with you and Carol back in 2002 and I wish we had gotten to know her better. She was extremely helpful with her knowledge of our Cameron ancestry and inspired me to pursue our Cameron past. THANK YOU Carol. May God watch over you and all our ancestors who have left us. Stewart and Vickie Sorenson Charlotte, Michigan

Stewart Sorenson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jack and Family Our hearts are with you. Carol was a wonderful woman, a great friend.

Don & Adair Calder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Thinking of you at his time of sorrow. Wishing you comfrt and strength through the days to come.

Norine Lordon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Carol filled our lives with LOVE, true charity, and gospel Hospitality. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother, friend to hundreds and she loved the Sisters of Charity and her Associate commitment which she and Jack formalized five years ago. As we remember her and celebrate her new life in God there could be no more appropriate day on which to have the Eucharitic feast in her honor-- the feast of the great visitation of Mary as servant kin with cousin Elizabeth. Carol embodied these gospel women, and so much of our beloved Elizabeth Ann Seton, too! Be our heavenly advocate now, dear Carol, as we continue here. We can't imagine not having you with us in the ways we have known you. God's Peace, and our prayers and love to all your dear family and friends! Sister Noreen and Sister Mary Alicia

Sister Noreen Ellison, SC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Dear Jack, I met Carol briefly many years ago but she left an impression on me as such a kind woman. Just the other day I bought a pot of daisies and thought of her. She'll be missed by everyone who's life she touched and I'm deeply sad for your loss.

Nancy McNamara - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Jack, I extend my deepest and sincere sympathy to you, your children and grandchildren on the passing of your lovely wife, Carol. I will never forget how I admired her even before I really knew your family. Then, when we finally became acquainted, I recognized just how truly she exemplified Christ. She had a warm graciousness about her, always ready to help with whatever was needed, offer a welcoming smile or a kind word and expressed a concern for others' problems. I am blessed to have known her and to have been the recipient of her loving spirit. May her reward be great in heaven and may the Lord comfort you in your sorrow.

Suzanne Fisher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Jack..... So sorry to hear about your loss of Carol. She will be truly missed by all who knew her and loved her. Our condolences to you and your family. Know that your sorrow in her loss goes as deep as your love for her. God's Blessings.....

Tom and Sylvia Ebaugh-Schweigel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Memories of Mrs. Hoolehan go back over 45 years, to kindergarten for Chris and me. We had the privilege of renewing our friendship with the Hoolehans after moving to Royal Oak. Our families and friendships are intertwined so much, that it's hard to remember who knew who first. Mrs. Hoolehan will always be remembered as a beautiful woman of grace, faith and true kindness. Her wonderful smile and kind words shall be missed, but have a place deep within our memories. May the Hoolehans and Ruhles be comforted with Jesus' love-and ours. Sincerely, The Platonas Family Doug, Ann, Jenna and Evan

Ann and Doug Platonas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to your family. Carol was a special person. We are here for your family if we can help in any way. God Bless you during this time of great sadness.

Van & Shelby Rohr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Our heartfelt sympathies are with you. Carol was truly one of the most wonderful people we know. All of the Hoolehans and Ruhles are very special to us, and our prayers are with you at this sad time. May the faith we share comfort and uplift you.

Ellen and Larry Kehoe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'm apologizing for all the bon fires I talked you into having, in your driveway...forgive me! However keep in mind all the fun we had. Your quick wit, easy smile will live in our hearts. You left us too soon but you are home with our Lord. And the gates were already open for you. We love you and will miss you so much. Julie McQuillan

julie mcquillan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My sincere condolences to your entire family. Carol was so special. She will truly be missed. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all and Carol too. I'm sure He is glad to have her home.

Laurie Bilkie-Snyder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My prayers are with the entire Hoolehan family. I will always remember Carol's generosity, cheerfulness, and tremendous faith. She was such an inspiration to me in so many ways. I will really miss her.*

Mary Griffin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM