



Carol J. Breest

December 4, 1943 - February 16, 2020

AYER- Carol J. (Pokigo) Breest, 76, of Ayer died unexpectedly^L Sunday February 16, 2020 in Concord, MA.

Mrs. Breest was born on December 4, 1943 in Brownwood, Texas and has resided in Ayer for over 45 years. She was^Lthe daughter of B. Henry Pokigo, a Brigadier General of the NH National Guard, and Kazmiera (Sopel) Pokigo from Goffstown, NH who later moved to Orlando, FL.

Mrs. Breest graduated from Goffstown High School and later attended the University of New Hampshire where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. After teaching Math in New York for several years, she went to work as a Computer Technical Manager for the Digital Equipment Corporation in Maynard.

After retirement, she was very active with her many^Lgrandchildren between babysitting, helping with crafts, schoolwork and driving them here, there and everywhere. She looked forward to her weekly visits with her loving^Lhusband and soulmate, Bob. She enjoyed reading and^Lshopping and spending time with her family and her dogs.

She leaves her husband of 49 years, Robert G. Breest; Four sons and two daughters; R. Manuel Breest and his wife Catherine of Ayer, MA; R. Ottmar

(Otto) Breest and his wife Gail of Gastonia, NC; Sean Truesdale and his wife Jennifer of Woodstock, GA; Robert Ainsworth of NH, and Laurie Barfield and Cammie Truesdale of FL. She leaves 12 grandchildren; Kazmiera, Melinda, Manuel and Nicolaus Breest of Ayer, MA; Jennifer (Niki) Smith (Breest), Jarryd and Jenna Henderson of NC; Bobby (Tripp), Taylor and Zack Barfield of FL; 6 great grandchildren and her two faithful companions "Ayla" and "Scarlet."

She was the sister of the late Douglas Pokigo of Colorado and the grandmother of the late Robert Joshua Breest of NC and Robert Ainsworth Jr. of NH.

She was an active member of St. Catherine's Church in Westford where she served as a Eucharistic Minister. Carol has always found strength through her strong belief in her Catholic Faith. She enjoyed volunteering her time at church, local hospitals and nursing homes by bringing communion and prayers to those who needed her help. She loved to travel and had even traveled to Poland with her father to visit and meet new relatives.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Friday, February 28, 2020 at St. Catherine's Church, 107 North Main Street, Westford.

Calling hours are 4-7 PM Thursday, February 27th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Catherine's Church
108
North Main Streety
Westford, MA

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Please excuse the lateness of sharing these photos of my cousin Carol. My mother was June Sopel Weit and my husband and I bought the Sopel Bow Lake property in NH before her passing in 2001. We live there year round now and have but a few pictures of the "camp" where our family spent summers.

The two from Bow Lake were taken in 1947, just two years after Grampy Sopel built the camp. The pine tree behind them is still standing very tall! We are not sure if that is the same year the Hampton Beach picture was taken with my mother, but wanted to share these photos handed down to me.

While we didn't keep in touch much, Carol did attend the wakes for both my parents (my Dad Robert (Bob) Weit passed in 2003), which meant a great deal. Only wish I had spent more time find out about her trip to Poland with Uncle Ollie and delve deeper into the Sopel family tree.

Hope all is well....take care!

Robin (Weit) Pullo




Robin Pullo - December 06, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CM

“ Well, Mom...these past few days have been so busy and a whirlwind of emotions. Your funeral was beautiful, personal just perfect, at the same time very difficult. I don't know how we will all keep going, my guess is we will somehow figure out a way, You taught us dying isn't the end, but the beginning, You said, Heaven is a beautiful place to be, I know you have been received by your loving parents and dear sweet grandson, you won't be alone... we will carry on your memories with pride and even some with laughter... we love you and will miss you forever and ever...We are forever grateful for everything you have shown us, faith, forgiveness, and patience.. and for the pride you showed in family and especially in our four children, your grandchildren Kassie, Mindie, Manny and Nic,,,Love you, “Nanner,”
Goodbye, Mom :(
Cathy and Manuel xoxo

catherine & manuel - March 01, 2020 at 12:54 AM

 Lisa
Harvey-
Carroll

“ Sending Love, Prayers and Sympathy to all of you.
The Carroll Family

Lisa Harvey-Carroll - February 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PR

“ Patricia Rockwood lit a candle in memory of
Carol J. Breest



Patricia rockwood - February 25, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Carol J. Breest.*



February 25, 2020 at 10:48 AM



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catherine - February 25, 2020 at 01:20 AM



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catherine - February 25, 2020 at 01:12 AM



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catherine - February 25, 2020 at 01:06 AM

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catherine - February 25, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Carol J. Breest.



February 24, 2020 at 07:09 PM

PR

“ *Hi carol, how you will be missed by us and the many people. you have touched with your loving, generous and gracious manner. And especially a wonderful "nanner" to our shared Rockwood family. You will be fondly remembered by all of us. You set the bar for sure!!
Love to you
Pat and Pete*

Patricia rockwood - February 24, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Carol J. Breest.*



February 23, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to Carol's family. She was a fellow Eucharistic Minister and Lector with me and my husband at St. Catherine's. She was a very loving, faithful, and kind soul. She will be deeply missed.*

Tim and Dawn Dillon

Dawn Dillon - February 22, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *As I am in your house, gathering things and trying to find information, I find myself just about to ask you a question, it's so painful when I realize you aren't there. Then the shocking reality hits again. You will be missed more than I could possibly put into words, graduations, holidays, birthdays,.....Sunday afternoons,,,,you left us way too soon.*

I know you will be there quietly guiding us,....I wish we had more time.....Love you ~ CB

Catherine Breest - February 22, 2020 at 12:29 AM



“ *Manweil we are so sorry to hear about your mother. We did not know she was ill. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Betty & Scott Allan*

Elizabeth Allan - February 21, 2020 at 11:32 AM