



Hilda Kathleen Carr

February 9, 1943 - January 23, 2020

Hilda Kathleen Carr, age 76, died peacefully in her own home on Thursday, January 23, 2020, surrounded by family and friends. Hilda was the second of seven children born to Kathleen Carr (nee Tumulty) and Francis Xavier Carr. Hilda is survived by four brothers; Frankie (Margie), Jimmy, Bobby and Danny (BJ); one sister, Carolynn; her nieces, Jeanine Carr, Suzanne Carr Chestnut and Megan Chestnut; her nephews, Matthew Carr (godson) and Billy Chestnut, and many loving cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Edward Carr.

Hilda grew up in Fairmount, attended St. Francis Xavier School and graduated as valedictorian from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School in 1961. She received her degrees in the field of education from St. Joseph University and Temple University. Hilda devoted her entire forty year teaching career to serving the students, teachers and principals in the schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As a result of Hilda's time as a teacher, reading specialist and director of the RITE/MERIT project, the reading ability and education of thousands of students in the Philadelphia area was greatly improved. In 2014

Hilda was inducted into the J. W. Hallahan Hall of Fame.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Mass on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Prior to Mass there will be a viewing in Church 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon on Friday at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of

flowers, contributions may be made to St. Helena Parish (address above) in memory of Hilda. Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila., PA Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross

626 Bailey Road
Yeadon, PA

Previous Events

Viewing and Funeral Mass at Church

JAN **29**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Helena Church
1489 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Many years have gone by since I have seen Hilda, Bobby and met Carolyn. I am the cousin who is really not your cousin. While going thru some family mementos, I thought of Hilda and your family and was looking up the name to see if I could contact you and invite you over for a meal. I feel badly that I lost touch with Hilda. She was a truly lovely woman. So warm and kind. With sympathy. Alice Boswell Corkum.

Alice - February 01, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Hilda Kathleen Carr*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM

LE

“ *To Carolynn and The Carr family, Hilda was one of the first neighbors to welcome me to Washington Square 15 years ago, and she became a dear friend from that point forward. Hilda knew how to have fun and hosted wonderful themed parties. I always loved hearing her stories about growing up in Philly and her fond memories of teaching; it was clearly her life's calling. Despite her health issues, Hilda faced all challenges with truly amazing grace..and the support of her loving and ever-present family. I will miss her deeply. God bless you all. Lorraine Entrikin, friend and neighbor*

Lorraine Entrikin - January 29, 2020 at 01:11 PM

SI

“ To the Family of Hilda: I never had the opportunity to meet Hilda; however, I often heard of Hilda, the legend. She did outstanding work for Catholic Education and our system is better today because of all Hilda's efforts. She was one great lady who knew and understood how students learned. Thank God that she shared her expertise with the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. My prayers are with all of you. Blessings, Sister Margaret Rose Adams IHM , Assistant Superintendent, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Sister Margaret Rose Adams, IHM - January 29, 2020 at 08:44 AM

DJ

“ To the Family of Hilda: You will never really know how many hearts and souls she touched in her years in education! She made a great difference to so many - one of my idols! She is the reason for so much of my professional life. I am forever grateful I will hold her - and all of you! - in my heart and in my prayers!
Debbie Jaster

Debbie Jaster - January 28, 2020 at 03:54 PM

DA

“ To the Family of Ms. Carr, Please accept my sympathy and prayers in the loss of your beloved Sister, Aunt & Cousin. Miss Carr was my Second Grade teacher and I was so lucky to have her again as my Fourth Grade teacher at Holy Family School in Manayunk! I believe my 2nd grade class was her first year in teaching--1960-61, and I can see now that she was only 18! She was fabulous, and so memorable. Loved her red hair! I am Also a graduate of Hallahan. and didn't realize she was and her class Valedictorian. I'm not surprised. May you all find Peace & Comfort in your wonderful memories of her and know that she has reached her Eternal reward. May she rest in God's Peace. Dolores Cadden Augustine

Dolores Augustine - January 28, 2020 at 11:08 AM

SC

That's so incredible! Thank you for your kind words.

Suzanne Carr Chestnut - January 29, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SR

“ *To The Carr Family*

I was fortunate to have Ms. Carr for my teacher in fourth grade at Holy Family School in Manayunk in 1963-1964. She was a wonderful teacher and person who I have never forgotten. I am sorry to hear of her passing, and I will remember your family in my prayers and ask God to bring you comfort!

Sharon Gurski Rohlfig

Sharon Gurski Rohlfig - January 27, 2020 at 11:32 PM

JC

One of my favorite teachers. A very kind woman.

Jeanne cassidy - January 27, 2020 at 11:47 PM

SC

Thank you for sharing that.

Suzanne Carr Chestnut - January 28, 2020 at 07:41 AM

SU

“ *DearCarolynn and family, Hilda always spoke so highly of all of you-what a beautiful family you have! It has been an honor and privilege to know her and learn about her life. My deepest condolences for your loss. I regret that I am unable to attend her funeral but have held (and continue to hold) her, and you, in prayer. Love, Susan M. (Wednesday afternoon driver).*



susan - January 27, 2020 at 02:41 PM

SC

Thank you!

Suzanne Carr Chestnut - January 27, 2020 at 08:43 PM

SC

“ So many memories of my loving Aunt Hilda over the past 46 years. Some of my fondest memories are of us making lasagna together and watching *Gone With the Wind*. You made that one of my favorite movies of all time. You always threw the best parties. The theme ones were my favorite. I love you and miss you much!!! ❤️🙏

Suzanne Carr Chestnut - January 26, 2020 at 02:28 PM

RT

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to the Carr family. Rest in Peace Hilda.

Raphael Tancredi - January 26, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SC

Thank you!

Suzanne Carr Chestnut - January 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM

BC

Sister you were always there for me. You and I did so nanny things. Always loved it when we put on the great theme parties. You so now how to have people have a great time. I will miss you so so much. However, your spirit will always be with me. Love you so much. just me bobby

Bobby Carr - January 27, 2020 at 07:46 AM