



Carol M Hoover

December 24, 1929 - May 16, 2025

Carol M. Hoover, age 95, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, May 16, 2025.

She was born December 24, 1929 in Coon Rapids, IA, the daughter of Freeman & Ruth Nimrod Mingus.

Carol married C. Max Hoover on September 29, 1951. He preceded her in death on April 23, 1988.

She grew up in Coon Rapids, IA, where she was on the state championship basketball team in 1946 and was prom queen. After high school, she attended Commercial Business School in Omaha, NE. In 1948, she moved to Chicago, where she met and married C. Max Hoover. Max & Carol moved to Los Altos, CA in 1959, where they lived until 1962. Their final move was to Kankakee, IL, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Carol was a former Riverside Medical Center Foundation Board member. She volunteered for the American Red Cross. Carol was a lifelong member of the Kankakee Country Club.

Surviving are two sons, Mark & Patty Hoover of Naples, FL and David & Jeanie Hoover of Chicago; one daughter, Laurie Gilmore & Steve Harrison of Kankakee; special friend and caretaker, Linda Baker; nine grandchildren, John (Molly) Hoover, Ann (Euan) Sinclair, Kelley (Chad) Oldham, Lindsay Hoover and (John Zygmantowicz), Adam (Karen) Hoover, Ellen (Drew) Ogrentz, Max Gilmore (Sophia Koziol), Mary (Jack) Martin, and Maurice Shoemaker-Gilmore (Madison Bylak); ten great-grandchildren, Rose, Mark James, Olivia,

Hadley, Gemma, Jackson, Camdon (born on the day Carol died), Max, Vivian, and Caroline.

Carol is preceded in death by her husband, C. Max Hoover; her parents; one sister, Marilyn Nelson; and one brother and sister-in-law, Ronald & Virginia Mingus.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by a brief funeral service on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Private family burial will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or American Red Cross.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear Laurie & Steve, David & Jeanie, Mark and Patty,

My sincere condolences.

Loving this picture of your mom. Exactly how I remember her growing up! Another mom in the neighborhood who helped guide our path and graced our young lives with Hope.

I feel your loss, but I also hear her sweet laugh. May all the kindness and love she held for her family be with you in the weeks ahead.

*With love,
Sally*

PS.. and I promise you my mom has given her friend Carol, a sweet and gentle welcome!

sally Hendron - May 27, 2025 at 10:45 PM

SL

“ *Lindsay & Family - I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your grandmother. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family as you navigate through this period of loss. Remember, I am here to support you if needed.*

Sherry Lindsay

Sherry Lindsay - May 23, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MB

DEAR RELATIVES OF ME AND MINE , TO ALL OUR COUSINS . I DIDN'T KNOW THAT AUNT CAROL WAS SICK. LAURIE TOLD ME AND I CRIED FOR 2 DAYS. WE ALL KNOW THAT SHE'S IN HEAVEN NOW, WITH UNCLE MAX...I MISS OUR FAMILY GROWING UP TOGETHER. LOVE TO YOU ALL. WILL SEE YOU BEFORE I MOVE TO EUROPE SOON . THANK GOD THE LORD JESUS THAT WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER SOON. LOVE, MAUREEN.

Miss Brandt - August 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MB

PLEASE LET ROGER, PAMELA, CHARLENE, BRIAN AND THEIR 2 CHILDREN KNOW ..AS I CAN'T FIND THEIR LATEST NUMBERS.THANKS.LOVE YOU.

Miss Brandt - August 18, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LM

“ Dear Mark, David and Laurie: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother Carol. She was a lovely, gracious woman who was a delight to know. I recall when she asked me to watch you (especially Laurie!) when she and your father went out of town for a while. It was great fun and she paid me quite handsomely! I also greatly appreciated her sympathy note after my mother passed away. They were great friends! May she rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Libby Mahoney

Libby Mahoney - May 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Carol M Hoover



Joseph Giacchino - May 23, 2025 at 06:57 AM

TF

“ The Cook family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Carol M Hoover.



The Cook family - May 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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“ The Cook family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol M Hoover.

The Cook family - May 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM