

CAROL (NEE ECHOLS) FRETZ

Carol Fretz (nee Echols), born December 22, 1934, went to her eternal home on January 9, 2024. Carol was the beloved daughter of Leonard and Edna Echols (deceased), sister of Lois Arend (deceased), and wife of David Fretz (deceased). She is survived by and mother of Susan Tatic, Tim Downing (Ken Press), Bill Downing (Joy Downing), and Matt Downing (Linda Downing). Grandmother of Amanda Feddersen (Luke Feddersen), Michael Tatic, Ryan Downing, Jacob Downing, Jessica Downing, and Megan Downing. Great-grandmother of Andrew Jellick, Brayden Feddersen, and Carsten Feddersen. Aunt of Ashley Arend Ramirez (Mario). Carol graduated from West High School in Columbus, OH, in 1952, and The Ohio State University in 1956. Carol was a lifelong teacher in Ohio, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania throughout her professional working life. Carol survived a life-threatening accident in 2015 and lived her remaining years at UPMC Cranberry Place Nursing Facility in Pittsburgh where she served as Ombudsman and Chaplain and touched many lives by caring and reading to residents while she lived there. Carol was a survivor. The woman refused to quit, her faith in God was steadfast, and an example to all to be a faithful servant. Services will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 2 p.m., 1479 Morse road, Columbus, OH 43229. Donations in her memory can be made to UPMC Cranberry Place, 5 St. Francis Way, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

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