



**Valkenaar, Carol (Petraitis)**

1953-2021

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Service for Carol Valkenaar, 68, of Bridgeport was Nov. 6 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Bridgeport, officiated by Father Reehan Antony. Burial followed at Thomas Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Pallbearers were Anna Mann, Paul Valkenaar, Steven Valkenaar, Britini Valkenaar, Jeremy Mann, Ibis Valkenaar, Aaron "Big A" Bentley and Dave Cramton.

Carol passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 30, in Bridgeport. She was born Feb. 26, 1953, in Chicago, Ill., to Stanley and Constance (Humecki) Petraitis.

Carol was a tender-hearted soul who loved spending time with her family and doting over her grandchildren. She enjoyed serving her community and was an active member of St. Johns Catholic Church.

Carol was a true homemaker who enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She also loved being in the kitchen where she taught her children and grandchildren how to cook and bake. She was often found working in the soil, whether tending to her flowers or

vegetables. Carol was a big animal lover and enjoyed spoiling her rescue dogs.

At every opportunity, she could be found traveling the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and her favorite, Maui.

She is survived by husband Kreigh Valkenaar of Bridgeport; children Anna Mann and husband, Jeremy, of Grapevine, Paul Valkenaar and wife, Ibis, of Chicago and Steven Valkenaar and wife, Britini, of Bridgeport; siblings Janice Petraitis, Mary Ellen Riedel, Stanley Petraitis and Keith Petraitis; grandchildren Osmany, Esteban, Nubia, Nyah, Faith, Erica, Grace, Abigail and Elijah; and one great-grandchild, Milexi.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bridgeport Animal Shelter, 142 FM 920, Bridgeport, TX 76426.

*Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home*