



## Carolyn Eleanor Kovac

March 29, 1951 - October 20, 2020

### Carolyn Eleanor Kovac Obituary

Carolyn E. Kovac (nee Halter) was called home to our Lord on Tuesday October 20, 2020 at the age of 69. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home in Raytown, MO. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Monday November 9, 2020 at St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, MO with Father Gerald Blessing of St. Paul Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Paul Church cemetery.

Carolyn was born March 29, 1951 in St. Charles, MO to Charles E. and Mildred M. Halter (nee Swagman). She attended St. Paul Grade School in St. Paul, MO and attended Fort Zumwalt High School in O'Fallon, MO. Carolyn continued her education at Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, MO where she received a nursing diploma and at the University of Missouri Kansas City where she completed her BSN in nursing. She was a member of the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing.

Carolyn married Anthony Louis Kovac Jr. MD on August 23, 1986 at St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, MO. They were married for 34 years.

Following Deaconess Nursing School, Carolyn was a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force serving for two years as a nurse at Travis Air Force Base,

Fairfield, CA. She returned to Kansas City, MO and worked for the Kansas City Veterans Administration Hospital for many years before she retired to become a fulltime mother. After her son entered high school, Carolyn returned to work part-time as a nurse at the Center for Behavioral Medicine, Missouri Dept. of Mental Health, Kansas City, MO after which she fully retired.

Carolyn loved being a fulltime mother to her son Tony. Her hobbies were flower gardening, knitting and “window shopping” with friends. She loved watching movies with her family. Her favorite movies were Christmas movies such as “Home Alone” and westerns such as “The Searchers.” She loved watching Christmas movies all year long on the Hallmark Channel. She enjoyed traveling in the USA and internationally especially to historical and natural places such as state and national parks and monuments.

She always had a gift in her favorite white van ready for any occasion to give to a friend or relative. She enjoyed meeting and “chauffeuring” in her white van the visiting international doctors from Ghana, Peru and China when they came to the KU Medical Center for observerships. She attended of Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, Lee’s Summit, MO and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Presentation Ladies Auxiliary #6819.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her son Anthony “Tony” Charles Kovac, her mother, Mildred M. Halter (nee Swagman), a brother Glennon C. Halter and a niece Ashley C. Davis.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony Louis Kovac Jr. MD, her father Charles E. Halter, a sister Jean T. Davis (nee Halter), nephews Kyle G. Davis and Alex V. Davis and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be given to either St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul Grade School or The Kovac International

Education Fund at the KU Medical Center through [www.kuendowment.org/giv](http://www.kuendowment.org/giv)  
enow with a note The Kovac Fund 41465.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses of the  
University of Kansas Hospital and Kansas City Hospice for their excellent and  
compassionate care of Carolyn.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you in your loss of Carolyn. We give thanks to God for our lifetime friendship with Carolyn. I've known her since I was 8 years old when she moved across the street and became our neighbor. I will always remember how Carolyn helped me when I was so excited and nervous to go on my first Homecoming Dance date because I didn't know how to slow dance, so Carolyn gave me a dance lesson.

*Through each season and chapter of our lives, Carolyn shared in our family joys and challenges. We enjoyed wonderful visits together, lunches out for our birthdays, shopping at antique stores and celebrating Christmas together.*

*I will always picture Carolyn as the radiant bride she was walking down the aisle at her wedding with the most beautiful smile, her heart filled with her true love for Tony. Carolyn celebrated with us at our wedding and celebrated with us the birth of both our girls. She had a heart of gold remembering my mother, Jordan, Sophia and me each year at Christmas and our birthdays. Carolyn will hold a special place in our hearts forever.*

*With All Our Love & Prayers,  
Ruth, Mark, Jordan & Sophia Hoffman*

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**Ruth Hoffman** - November 03, 2020 at 01:29 PM

JP

“ *It was an honor to have Carolyn as a part of our family when she married Tony our cousin. She was a very kind and sweet person. She had a contagious laugh. When anyone in our family was ill or needed assistance, Carolyn was there to lend a helping hand. Carolyn was always willing to help. She understood the meaning of family and was present for any occasion. God bless you Carolyn and be at peace.*

*Your cousin,  
Jimmy and Rosie (nee Chop) Powell*

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**Jimmy/Rose Powell** - November 01, 2020 at 10:24 AM

AA

“ *Dearest Carolyn,*

*You were always smiling on the few occasions that we met. I always commended you for all the work you did behind the scenes to support your loving husband, Dr. Anthony Kovac. You surely will be missed but because of the awesome life you lived, we are comforted by the fact that you have returned to a well-deserved peaceful rest with your creator.*

*We love you now and forever,*

*Abiodun Akinwuntan*

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**Abiodun Akinwuntan** - October 29, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear Carolyn. We met Carolyn over 40 years ago as our neighbor on Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. Even though we moved several miles apart, we have remained close friends. We have shared many happy times with Carolyn. She was a very generous soul who shared her talents and helped in times of need. We celebrated our birthdays and Christmases. The joy Carolyn found in her flowers was a reflection of her love of life. The love she shared with us, our daughter, and granddaughters made us a family. Carolyn will always remain in our memories and hearts. We have each of you in our prayers.

Love,

*Paul and Mary Ella Klingsporn*

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**Paul and Mary Ella Klingsporn** - October 28, 2020 at 12:49 PM