



## Carolyn R Carotenuti

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Dearly loved in life, Carolyn Rhoades Carotenuti, 82 of San Luis Obispo, passed

from this world onto the next on December 14, 2022, following a brief illness.

Carolyn

was born to parents Marion Norton Rhoades and Ann (DeSalvo) Rhoades on November

7, 1940, in Stamford, Connecticut. Having graduated Stamford High School in 1958,

she went on to Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania where she received her undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts. After graduation, looking for ways to be of

service to her nation, she joined the newly formed Peace Corps and was sent to San

Jose State University to be trained as a teacher. Following her training, she was

deployed to the Philippines where she taught for about 2 years. She often spoke fondly

of her time in that country. After returning to the US, she went on to attend Columbia

University in New York where she obtained her first master's degree in Teaching. After graduation, she was offered a teaching position at her Alma Mater, Stamford High School. Finding teaching high school students less than enjoyable, she was guided by a counselor to a career as a librarian and took a job at the local library where she discovered a real passion for her work. While working, she also went back to Columbia University to earn her second master's degree in Library Science. Carolyn would go on to work for many years as a college librarian and then as the head librarian at the California Institution for Men, a large prison located in Chino, California from which she retired in 2000. Having met Joseph (Joe) in the summer of 1965 at a Quaker project near the Capital Building in Washington DC and dating for several years, they married July 5, 1969. The newlyweds moved to California where she and Joe started a family on March 16, 1975, welcoming twins, AnnMarie and JoAnn. Carolyn loved to sit quietly and read, do crossword puzzles, and crochet. She was a woman of great kindness and gentle disposition, but never far from her spunky Sicilian heritage. She devoted her entire self to being the best wife, mother, grandmother she could be. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joe, twin daughters AnnMarie Wood (David Wood)

and JoAnn

Wall (Brandon Wall), older brother David Rhoades (Sheila Rhoades), four grandchildren, Gabrielle Wood, Rachel Wood, Josephine (JoEllen) Wall, and Aiden

Wall, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Public viewing will be at Reis Mortuary on Wednesday, December 21 from 3:30-4 p.m. followed by a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's in Pismo Beach.

Funeral Mass to be held Thursday, December 22 at St. Paul's with a lunch reception at 12 p.m. at Café Roma in San Luis Obispo. All who knew and loved

Carolyn and the Carotenuti family are welcomed. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Templeton Fire Department Stairclimb Team

or the Templeton High School Football team.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Mission Catholic Cemetery

101 Bridge St  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 541-0584  
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **21**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory  
991 Nipomo Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 544-7400  
[k.reis1958@gmail.com](mailto:k.reis1958@gmail.com)  
<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

## Rosary

DEC **21**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

St. Paul  
800 Bello St  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
[stpaulspismo beach@charter.net](mailto:stpaulspismo beach@charter.net)  
<http://www.stpaulspismo beach.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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DEC **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Paul  
800 Bello St  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
stpaulspismobeach@charter.net  
<http://www.stpaulspismobeach.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave & Sheila, Sue & Kyle, Chuck & Sue purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Carolyn R Carotenuti.*



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**Dave & Sheila, Sue & Kyle, Chuck & Sue** - December 20, 2022  
at 05:59 PM