



Carolyn Ann Zydel

May 16, 1947 - October 24, 2025

Wantage -Carolyn A. Zydel was born on May 16, 1947 just 12 minutes after the 8 p.m. curfew siren in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Charles and Helen (Wieczerezak) Pyskaty. Carolyn spent her childhood growing up in Secaucus, graduating from Weehawken High School. A talented crafter, cook, avid reader, and bargain seeker, there wasn't a deal she couldn't pass up. Known for her homemade golabki and perfectly shaped pierogies, her polish delicacies will be missed by all. 1965 was a big year for Carolyn, she began the greatest love story of her life, she married Edward Zydel on June 22nd. They settled in Wantage, New Jersey in 1984, where they raised three children in what became the family's hometown. Carolyn taught her children by example. She taught the value of hard work and dedication. She was a faithful parishioner at Saint Monica's Parish in Sussex, where she volunteered to host social events and count the weekend collections. Her work ethic was second to none, inspiring her children to work hard at whatever they did. She has lifelong friends from the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, where she retired from her position as Victim Witness Advocate in 2019. She committed her life to making others' lives better. She leaves an indelible mark in the hearts of all who knew her. In a final tribute to Carolyn Zydel, the family asks that you live your life like her, drop your grudges, and be generous with your time and resources. "We'll miss you mom, twas heaven here with you."

Besides her parents, Carolyn was predeceased by her brother, Edward Pyskaty and her two sisters, Kathy Pyskaty and Joyce Specchio. She is

survived by her devoted husband, Edward; her two beloved sons, Adam Zydel and his wife Christine of Wantage and Frank Zydel of Utica, Michigan; her loving daughter, Rebekka and her husband Franklin Lupianez of Branchburg; her cherished grandchildren, Cole, Paul, Luke, and Jacob; her brothers, Charles Pyskaty and his wife Patricia of Lafayette, Gerald Pyskaty and his wife Linda Lee of Pennsylvania, and Donald Pyskaty of Newton; and over 25 adored nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial for both Carolyn and her husband, Edward who passed away shortly after her on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 will be offered at St. Monica R.C. Church, 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. They shared a lifetime of love together and entered eternal rest only days apart, and now family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate both of their lives. Carolyn and Edward will be laid to rest together at Mt. Salem Cemetery in Wantage. A private burial will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Carolyn Zydel's memory to Tunnell to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 or the Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20037. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.PinkelFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Monica R.C. Church
33 Unionville Avenue
Sussex, NJ 07461
stmonica@ptd.net
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Joanne G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Joanne G. - October 30, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



October 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Michael Specchio and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Michael Specchio and Family - October 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



October 30, 2025 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ Jodi, Luke, Vincent, and Jonathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Jodi, Luke, Vincent, and Jonathan - October 30, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TF

“ The Solar family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



The Solar family - October 28, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



October 28, 2025 at 07:52 AM

LF

“ Love your brother Charlie & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Love your brother Charlie & Family - October 28, 2025 at 07:52 AM

SC

“ Shannon Cane purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



Shannon Cane - October 27, 2025 at 09:53 PM

SC

“ Shannon Cane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Shannon Cane - October 27, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



October 27, 2025 at 07:44 PM

JF

“ Joseph F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

Joseph F. - October 27, 2025 at 07:44 PM

HP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Helenea Pyskaty - October 27, 2025 at 08:10 AM

HD

*I will miss a very good friend.
from Harriet Denesewich & Family*

Harriet Denesewich - October 27, 2025 at 04:16 PM

HD

Denesewich Family

Harriet Denesewich - October 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM

FF

“ From The Stevens family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Ann Zydel.



From The Stevens family - October 26, 2025 at 10:49 PM

FF

“ From The Stevens family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Zydel.

From The Stevens family - October 26, 2025 at 10:49 PM

TW

“ I’m at a loss to find words to explain my feelings. Carolyn departed too quickly and definitely unexpectedly. She was a worker and a generous person. She loved her Catholic faith and her family. I will miss her

God’s blessings to all her family.

Terry Westdyke

Terry Westdyke - October 26, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ My family was blessed to meet your mom and receive a smidgen of her generosity as she opened her grounds for a fall harvest complete with hayrides and pig roasts...



Carmela McCleary - October 26, 2025 at 03:27 PM