

Kathleen Helen Carpenter

February 11, 1952 ~ February 4, 2026

Beloved Wife and Mother

Kathleen “Kathy” Carpenter passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Kathy was born on February 11, 1952, in San Mateo, California, to Grove and Pinkie Cook. She graduated from St. Mary’s of the Wasatch in 1970, where she met her best friend, Sherry Howa.

The two shared countless adventures and shenanigans that brought joy and laughter throughout their lives.

Kathy later attended Stevens-Henager Business College, where she studied fashion design.

She worked at Smith’s for 36 years, where she built lasting relationships with many loyal customers who came to know and love her.

She was an avid swimmer, and Kathy loved being a lifeguard in her twenties, and swam nearly every day in the summer throughout her adult life. She enjoyed gardening and took great pleasure in cooking just about everything under the sun. A devoted LA Raiders fan, Kathy once won a bet that earned her tickets to Super Bowl XVIII, where she proudly watched the Raiders win 38–9.

On January 2, 1987, Kathy married the love of her life, Richard Carpenter. Together, they raised two beautiful sons. Samuel and Matthew. Kathy cherished her time with her boys—Sam often joined her at Saturday mass, while Matt followed in her footsteps with their shared love of cooking.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband, Richard; her sons, Sam and Matt; her sister, Trish VanAusdale; her brother, Mike Cook; Cindy Scheller, Nieces, Carli, Camille, and AJ; her nephews, Shane, Christopher, Brian; and her dear friend, Sherry Howa. She was preceded in death by her brother, Paul Cook.

Funeral services will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah. On February 11th, a viewing will be held from 1:00–2:00 PM, followed by funeral services at 2:00 PM. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in honor of Kathy.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her friend, Kristi Black, for her continued support. and to the doctors and nurses at St. Mark’s ICU for their compassionate care.