



## Carol Diane Otis

July 15, 2019

Carol Diane Otis (nee Falleni) age 79, of Teaneck, New Jersey, passed away Monday July 15, 2019. Carol was the wife of Donald Cecil Otis, mother of Wendy Carol Otis, Kevin Donald Otis and Jennifer Margaret Otis Iaquinto. Sister of Walter Falleni and Robert Falleni. Grandmother of Gianna Iaquinto, Dominic Iaquinto, and Calvin Otis. Carol was one of Teaneck's most admired and respected citizens. A few weeks ago she presided over the annual Community Scholarship Fund Of Teaneck award presentation. There she bestowed scholarship awards to graduating seniors of the community. She looked forward to these presentations as she had for many years past. Carol was first and foremost a beloved classroom teacher who began her career in the early 1960's before leaving teaching to raise her three children. Carol taught in the field of Home Economics to a great many enthusiastic students and was often thanked by former students for all she had taught them. Carol was not only recognized as an outstanding educator, but also for her dedicated involvement in organizations at the municipal, county and state levels. She received numerous awards and was proudest of her work with Statewide Family and Consumer Science Activities involving young students. Although she retired from the classroom in 2007, Carol continued with her youth, education and community directed activities. She was participating member of BCEA, presided over the Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck, was the Teacher's sponsor for AAFCS, Board member on Teaneck Federal Credit Union, Membership Chair of Teaneck Swim Club and most

recently Chairman of the Board of Bergen Community College. This position was a true honor and she was committed to and proud of her work there. In addition, to Carol's deep-rooted commitment to her community she was an avid tennis player and enjoyed an active lifestyle. Visitation will take place Thursday July 18th from 1-4PM and 6-9PM at Volk-Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Anastasia Church Friday, July 19th at 10 AM, all to meet at church. In Lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in Carol's memory to either: The Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck, 680 Albin St., Teaneck, NJ 07666, [communityscholarshipfund.org](http://communityscholarshipfund.org) or Bergen Community College Foundation, 400 Paramus Road Room A-325, Paramus, NJ 07652, [@bergen.edu/give](https://@bergen.edu/give).

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

JUL 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia RCC  
1095 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Diane Otis*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - July 17, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *Carol Diane Otis*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Carol Diane Otis*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Carol Diane Otis*

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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

DM

“ My condolences to The Otis Family. Mrs Otis was one of my favorite teachers. She taught me many things besides cooking. She taught me to be a lady and to never give up. She encouraged me to be the best in everything I do. She made me a future homemaker of America in 1981. A teacher, Librarian and now a Psychologists. She encouraged me to dance. I was good but not as great as her daughter. She pushed us all to stand up for ourselves and to give back. Your legacy lives on forever Mrs. Otis.

*Dr. Debbie Mills*

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**Dr Debbie Mills** - August 10, 2019 at 08:45 PM

GS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Otis. As a member of St. A's parish when I was younger, I grew up knowing her (it was a long time ago now, but I believe she was also my confirmation teacher) - and throughout the later years I kept up with her and family's milestones through my mom, Mildred, who was her tennis partner. Because of that I also know what a determined fighter she was, and how she lived life to the fullest until the very end. Sending warming and comforting thoughts to her husband, kids, family, and all else who held her dear in their lives.

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**Gail Smith-McCarthy** - July 22, 2019 at 07:15 PM

BL

“ My sincere condolences to Carol's whole family. I was one of her tennis partners and I never met someone who was so strong and stoic. She played tennis with us 'til March and she would sometimes come on the court after a radiation treatment, or when she had such pain and tingling in her feet from neuropathy, that she had no sensation in her feet. What a strong and determined woman!!! She was a real fighter. Carol was so compassionate and loved her family so much. We will all miss her greatly.

*Barbara Landberg*

Barbara Landberg - July 21, 2019 at 05:52 PM

PO

“ Carol cared about the children of Teaneck as much as she did for her own children and grandchildren. She was passionate, energetic and methodical. We send all of you our heartfelt condolences. May her memory be a blessing and may she Rest In Peace.



Paul and Ricki Ostrow - July 18, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ 230 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 02:11 PM

EJ

*RIP Mrs Carol Otis - I learned many important things from your lessons and you taught me how to Cook to this day I still use your techniques. Thanks for all of your Contributions to the Students Of Teaneck and Bergen Community College. You Really Cared. God Bless You Carol*

Elie Jones - July 20, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



July 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM

RK

“ Rose Mary Korte purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



Rose Mary Korte - July 16, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



July 16, 2019 at 08:09 PM

JF

“ Mr. Otis, Wendy, Kevin, and Jen,

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved wife and mother. In addition to being a wonderful wife and mother, she truly was an accomplished, passionate and community oriented woman. She will be missed greatly by those who were fortunate to have known her. May she rest in peace.*

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**John Faggello** - July 16, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



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July 16, 2019 at 07:01 PM

KH

“ Carol was a wonderful and gentle soul who will remain forever in our hearts. Heaven received an angel this morning. May she rest in peace!

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**Kim & Richie House** - July 16, 2019 at 06:34 PM

BM

“The Chair of a college Board of Trustees is powerful, but they aren't always deeply committed, or committed at all, to the transforming power of education as Carol was. They aren't always tirelessly working, present at the college, as Carol was, walking into the daily life at the college to know her partners. They do not always use irony, quips, and laughter as Carol did to add levity to myriad tasks. Not all of them mean what they do, but Carol meant every single word and every single act.” Bonnie MacDougall, Ph.D.

Bonnie MacDougall - July 16, 2019 at 06:27 PM

MS

4 files added to the album Bio & Achievements



MaryAlice Silva - July 16, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



July 16, 2019 at 01:13 PM

AR

“ She was a good friend over the years and will be missed, thank you for your kindness and friendship. Arlice & Geraud Prince

arlice - July 16, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.



July 16, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. In my last conversation, I shared with Carol that Wendy and I were in Lowell school together and told her that Wendy was the nicest person in the school. Carol then shared Wendy's entire life story. We laughed, we shared, hugged virtually and more.... the call went longer than we both expected. There are very few people with such a big heart who continued to give to the community so much. I can't imagine all the reward and gifts Carol must have accumulated in heaven for her work on earth. No more pain, it's time to enjoy the rewards of heaven. R.I.P



Shahanaz Arjumand - July 16, 2019 at 11:32 AM

MA

“ Carol always took care of everyone else. Her devotion to church and community were endless.  
Is there going to be a new scholarship fund in her name?

maryanne - July 16, 2019 at 08:46 AM

WO

*Yes, a memorial scholarship- Carol Otis*

Wendy Otis - July 16, 2019 at 10:03 PM

GM

“ *I worked with Carol for years at THS. What a woman! And even after she retired she worked endlessly to fund community scholarships. She was a supportive colleague and incredible asset to the Teaneck community.*

Gina Melnyk - July 16, 2019 at 08:00 AM

MS

“ *32 files added to the album Memories Album*



MaryAlice Silva - July 16, 2019 at 06:08 AM

JA

*MaryAlice,  
I loved these pictures of my Teaneck Swimclub/Bloomington buddies, for the last 35 years, Carol and Carol! The cruises were plotted often at the club, the embroideries were carried from year to year sometimes  
:) It wasn't the same after your mother died, especially not for Carol, she would often tell me how much she missed your mother!! I can only hope that they have met up again, and are sitting next to each other on a cloud, without pain and looking down on all of us smiling, as they used to :)  
Kindest regards to you and your family.*

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**Jeannette Amdur** - July 16, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Diane Otis.*



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July 15, 2019 at 05:53 PM

MS

“ *When you arrive at the gates of heaven the Lord will ask you "what did you do with your life?" I hope he has some time (LOL) as you are one of the most generous, loving, passionate women that I am proud to have known. You will be missed by many and most definitely by me. Love you Mom Otis!*

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**MaryAlice (Mueller) Silva** - July 15, 2019 at 05:44 PM