

Obituary

Carol A. Hilpert, 78, of Morton, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on Friday, March 13, 2026.

She was born on February 19, 1948, in Bloomington, Illinois, to Franklin and Lois (McReynolds) White. Carol married Wayne Hilpert on July 17, 1966, in Stanford, Illinois. He preceded her in death on February 1, 2016.

Surviving are her daughters, Shelly (Greg) VanEtten of Morton and Stacy (Ryan) Koch of Fishers, Indiana; and grandchildren, Brittany (Aaron) Eleam, Taylor VanEtten and Kenzi and Kaci Koch; great granddaughter, Gracelynn Eleam; and sister, Connie Fleming of Salem, Oregon.

She was a member of Morton Methodist Church for over 50 years, where she volunteered in various roles.

Carol found great joy in her grandchildren and loved attending their activities and milestones. She looked forward to summer weeklong visits from her Indiana grandchildren. She was a wonderful wife, a devoted mother, and a proud grandmother whose love for her family was evident in everything she did.

Carol cherished her friendships throughout her life. For more than 30 years, she was a devoted member of her bunco group, faithfully gathering each month for laughter and fellowship. She also enjoyed playing dominos with her girlfriends and looked forward to monthly luncheons with her high school friends, maintaining the close bonds she had formed years before. Carol was an enthusiastic supporter the MHS girls' basketball team and especially enjoyed attending their games.

*Funeral Arrangements: Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home
and Cremation Center, Morton, IL*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Celebrating the Life of

Carol A. Hilpert



February 19, 1948 – March 13, 2026

11:00 AM
Friday March 20, 2026
*Morton Methodist Church
Morton, Illinois*

A Service of Death and Resurrection

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. -Psalm 23:4

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Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn- *Here I Am, Lord*

Verse One:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright. Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people
in my heart.

Verse Two:

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Verse Three:

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will
give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Eulogy- Kenzie Koch

Old and New Testament Reading

Psalm 23 and 1 Corinthians 7:29

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer—Soloist, Lauren Deppe

Message

Rev. Dr. Bill Novak

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn- *On Eagle's Wings*

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palms of God's hand.

Benediction

Refrain- *On Eagle's Wings*

Postlude

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Bill Novak

Eulogist: Kenzie Koch

Soloist: Lauren Deppe

Organist: Jane Chapman

Sound and Video Technician: Rev. Adam Penn