

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of **Carol Marian Terwilliger Holden**, age 74, of Newark Valley, NY. She went to be with the Lord following an illness on Saturday, October 24, 2026. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 44 years and best friend, Claron B. Holden Jr. She is survived by her loving sons Joshua David Holden and Aaron Matthew Holden (Karrie Hojsik), several cousins, and many dear friends.

Carol was the only child of Roy Emerson Terwilliger Jr. and Marian Swift Terwilliger. She was born on June 2, 1952, at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY. On August 22, 1971, Carol married Claron B. Holden Jr. at St. James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, NY. She graduated from Dutchess Community College in 1972.

Carol worked in the Systems Department of the Tioga County Department of Social Services for 33 years. She retired in 2008, shortly after her husband Clar so they could enjoy their retirement together. She was a member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, MA, and was an active member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Binghamton, NY, until 2019. During her time there she served on the church board, the membership committee, and as First Reader. Carol was also involved as a member of the steering committee of the Southern Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State Forest Owners Association (NYFOA), as well as a member of the Newark Valley Historical Society. Carol and Clar spent several years delivering meals for Meals on Wheels and also volunteered their time helping with snow removal for the Office for the Aging.

Her hobbies and interests included flower and vegetable gardening, genealogy, researching American history, and traveling the country with Clar (especially enjoying the beaches of North Carolina). Carol loved her family deeply and always sought opportunities to bring everyone together and spend time with those closest to her. She was a loving and supportive wife to Clar and a devoted mother to her sons. She especially enjoyed the company of her cousins and many very close friends, all of whom held a special place in her life.

A private service for Carol will be held. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carol's honor can be contributed to a charity of your choice or to one of the following organizations:

Food Bank of the Southern Tier 388 Upper Oakwood Ave. Elmira, NY 14903
Newark Valley Historical Society P.O. Box 222, Newark Valley, NY 13811
Office of the Treasurer The First Church of Christ, Scientist 210 Massachusetts Ave. Boston, MA 02115