

Carol (Bodine) Hartley

February 28th, 1944 - February 22, 2019



Carol was born February 28th, 1944 and died on February 22nd, 2019, just shy of her 75th birthday. She was vibrant and full of life as you can see in the photo, taken just one week before she died.

It took me some time to brave clicking your link to what she posted on your site in 2014 but I'm glad I did. She loved her family so much, through all life's ups and downs, staying very involved with my brother Keith and with me, my husband Mike, our 23 year old special-needs daughter Paisley, and especially our 17 year old daughter Daisy. She was always there for us as well as many, many friends who feel her loss deeply. She generously shared her love and her wisdom and her support.

She continued working for Reed & Graham in accounting until retiring September 2018 (48 years!) – they were sorry to see her go and loved her like family – and she loved working - but she was ready for her next chapter in life. She was very much looking forward to spending more time with us, traveling abroad with friends and volunteering locally for Hospice of the Valley. She never re-married after being widowed in 2002, recently telling a friend who wanted to take her out to “meet a nice man” that my dad was the only one for her. She missed him terribly, but also relished her independence. She continued to improve and maintain her acre property on her own, enjoying remodeling projects as she could afford, planting trees and riding around on her mower, floppy straw-hat and all.

In October 2018 – one month after retirement, and with no warning - she was diagnosed with metastatic pancreaticobiliary cancer. She was always a fighter and she tackled this head-on but it was fast and came out of nowhere. She was fighting for at least enough time to see her grand-daughter Daisy perform at Carnegie Hall in March and to graduate high school in May, but God had other plans and on February 22nd she let go of this life.

She would wish you all well and tell you, “do not wait!” to retire, or spend more time with those you love, or take good care of yourself, or do that thing you've always wanted to do.