



Carol Ruth Schwarz

February 16, 1957 - November 17, 2020

Carol Ruth Schwarz, 63, died too young on November 17th, 2020. Transplanted from Trenton, NJ as a preschooler, Carol grew up in Key Biscayne, where her lifelong love of the water began. Following graduation from Coral Gables HS Carol moved to Tallahassee to attend FSU. She fell in love with this area and never left.

Carol was passionate about many things, from local politics to the environment. She was most passionate about the issue of clean water, which she referred to as "Blue Gold." She loved being around water and spent countless hours hiking, kayaking, and photographing around the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge and Wakulla Springs, as well as other rivers and springs all over the state. She was the #1 supporter of the "Saving Wakulla Springs" Overland Tour, and persuaded numerous community and political leaders to learn first hand about water quality issues by taking the tour. Riversink was her special place.

Carol's jobs, vocations, and avocations reflected the wide variety of her interests. Her areas of employment ranged from mental health and probation, to the Florida legislature and Department of Revenue. She was also a licensed massage therapist, taught swimming, was certified in Usui Reiki and was active in the Reiki community for many years. Carol loved music and participated in the Velma Frye and co-op singing groups, and was an avid supporter of the FSU School of Music.

As a beloved member of United Church in Tallahassee, Carol added her voice to the choir and special vocal ensembles. Her passion for social justice and environmental issues led her to become a key member of the congregation's Climate Change Task Force. She took a special interest in introducing high school and college youth to the beauty of our natural environment.

Carol's multitude of friends were as diverse as her interests. It is not an exaggeration to say that wherever she went, from hiking trails to commission chambers, she ran into and was warmly greeted by someone she knew. Carol treated everyone the same - politician or panhandler, she was respectful, genuinely interested, and passionately caring.

We are poorer for her loss, but blessed by her memory.

Carol is survived by her sister, Barbara Krieger, and nephew, Matthew Krieger, both of Tampa, and niece, Heidi Krieger of Atlanta. She was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Dorothy Schwarz.

United Church in Tallahassee will hold a memorial service via Zoom on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The link is Join Zoom Meeting <https://us/2web.zoom.us/j/82899626881> and the Passcode is 973019.

Contributions in Carol's honor can be made to the Florida Springs Institute <https://floridaspringsinstitute.org/donate> or to United Church in Tallahassee <http://www.uctonline.org> or at 1834 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Comments



“ I first met Carol when completing a Masters in Rehabilitation Services at FSU and working at the Human Relations Commission. Carol was always a model for accepting and helping EVERY person, especially those with disability or disadvantages in society. She was a great person, friend and citizen for a better world. Peace and love for Carol's family and many friends..

Richard Baker - February 15 at 08:53 AM



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Ellen Guthrie - December 14, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Here's a link to her service. I hope it works.

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Jeannie Becker-Powell - December 14, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ I first met Carol in the late 1980s when she attended meetings of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, voicing her passionate concern about the state’s water bodies and the future of the environment. Not only did we discuss regulations and obligations. We talked about my Cajun surname and French heritage—laughing at our similarities. Then, we were reacquainted through mutual friends at social gatherings and at Massage Therapy Associates. Carol was a bright light in every life she touched. In all things, she promoted harmony and honesty. She was a passionate, peaceful defender of Planet Earth. I send my sincere condolences to her family and friends. May we meet again, beside the still waters of the next life, Carol. Rest In Peace.

Lytha Page Simoneaux Belrose

Lytha - December 11, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences to Carol's family and to all her friends who will always miss her. Carol and I worked together at Massage Therapy Associates for many years. Not only was she a very talented therapist, she was a joy to be around. She was funny, forthright, totally honest, and possessed a special kind of touch.

My husband Richard became a client of Carol's for a number of years after I retired. He appreciated her skill and her healing powers as did I and her many clients. Rick and Carol could go a few rounds over their strong opinions, but they always parted with a laugh and a hug. (And I got to hear about it from both of them!)

We who knew and loved Carol will miss her.

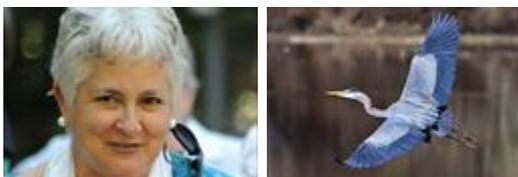
May her memory be for Blessing.

Penny and Rick Yood

Penny Yood - December 11, 2020 at 06:07 PM



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Ellen Guthrie - December 09, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Carol and I worked together at the Department of Revenue many years ago. She was a delight to work with--smart, consistently pleasant, creative and just a wonderful person. I was so sorry to read this news; she is gone too early. My condolences to her family.

Vicki Weber - December 09, 2020 at 12:20 PM



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Joanna Novey - December 09, 2020 at 11:17 AM



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Joanna Novey - December 09, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ I knew Carol only through her emails and comments while I was on the County Commission. But she set the gold standard for grace and thoughtful diplomacy when she wanted to see a change of policy direction. She really could make any day better by getting in touch. What a loss for her friends and family and our community.

Mary Ann Lindley - December 09, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ Carol knew so many people and had so many friends – the web of those who love her covers all of Tallahassee and beyond. Her strength, the ability to be there and to understand each of those friends, meant that, as different as we all are, she built a very personal relationship to each one. Now, even when gone, Carol is bringing us together. She is so, so missed.

Ellen Guthrie

Ellen Guthrie - December 08, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ Carol, you were loved by so many and you touched each of our hearts with your beautiful smile, easy laugh, warm embrace, inquisitive mind and endless love and dedication to Mother Earth. It breaks my heart that you are gone as I will so miss our talks and our times together. We will meet again down the road...rest in peace my loving friend.

Kathie Emrich

Kathie Emrich - December 08, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Carol and I go back to the 70's when she was still in college. She was one of those friends whom I could go weeks without speaking only to pick up like it had been hours since our last conversation. She cared deeply about her friends and wanted the world to be better for the next generation. I will miss her deeply and hope that she is rejoicing in heaven. Bye-bye "Young Carol", I love you.

Jeannie Becker-Powell - December 08, 2020 at 07:12 PM