



Carol Cannon Richardson

May 31, 1934 - October 6, 2015

Carol Cannon Richardson 81, of Bonita Springs died on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 due to a heart attack. She was born May 31, 1934 in New York City, NY the eldest child of Arthur J. and Dorothy E. (née Richardson) Cannon. Carol lived in Ft. Myers and Bonita Springs for the past 55 years.

She studied for two years at the University of Virginia Hospital School of Nursing where she began preparing for her Operating Room Nursing degree and worked in the Cardiovascular OR. Carol received her diploma in Operative Aseptic Technique from John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and returned to the University of Florida Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville to be the first cardiac surgical nurse there and in her final year created an OR program to train medical and nursing students in sterile techniques. She also worked for the Morgan Plant Hospital Operating Room in Clearwater, FL.

Carol met her husband, the late Ralph A. Richardson in the University of Florida infirmary and were married in November of 1958 while Ralph was in his 2nd year of law school at U of F and she was working in the OR there. In 1960 they returned to Ralph's hometown of Ft. Myers and after Ralph passed his Bar exam, he became the first attorney in Bonita Springs, FL. In 1989, they built a home in Spanish Wells.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, the

Red Hat Society and a 44 year member of AA.

She was pre deceased by her parents, Arthur Joseph Cannon and Dorothy Ellen Cannon; her husband, Ralph A. Richardson, Sr. and her daughter, Holly Elaine Richardson.

She is survived by her three children, son, Ralph A. Richardson, Jr. (Holly) of Evergreen, CO; daughters, Robin Richardson Reese (Steve) Cornelius, NC and Candy Carol Lieberenz (Kevin) of Greenville, SC and her brother, Arthur Bruce Cannon (Lucy) of Charlotte, NC. She is also survived by her beloved four grandsons, Ryan Davis, Tyler Reese, Steuart Richardson and Conner Richardson.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 Tamiami Tr. So. Bonita Springs. Private graveside services will be held Wednesday at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs 9751 Bonita Beach Rd. with Rev. Dr. Douglas G. Pratt, Senior Pastor, officiating.

The family asks that memorial contributions in Carol's name be made to the Ralph A. Richardson Scholarship Fund C/O the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce 25071 Chamber of Commerce Dr. Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Please write in the memo: Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 992-4982.

Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens

1589 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Cannon Richardson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She left a lot of friends in Bonita and she will be missed by all that knew her. She enjoyed her Red Hat friends that met for so long. God Bless you and the memories you shared with me about Ft. Myers.*

*Sincerely,
Doris Ruth Wollam
Georgetown, TX*

Doris Wollam - October 21, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ *Josephine Kunkle lit a candle in memory of Carol Cannon Richardson*



Josephine Kunkle - October 18, 2015 at 12:18 PM



“ *Barbara Eshbaugh lit a candle in memory of Carol Cannon Richardson*



Barbara Eshbaugh - October 13, 2015 at 08:47 PM

ME

“ *Missie Eshbaugh lit a candle in memory of Carol Cannon Richardson*



Missie Eshbaugh - October 13, 2015 at 08:46 PM

RW

“ *Carol was so intelligent, talented, and capable. She accomplished some impressive things not only in her career, but throughout her lifetime. She was also a true and loyal friend. We had such fun times and have great memories going back many, many years. We could go for months without seeing each other after she moved to Bonita Springs. Then when we were together again we would fall over laughing as we remembered some crazy things we did in our youth. It would be as if we had seen each other just the day before. Bon Voyage dear friend - I understand the best is yet to come. RJ*

To Carol's precious family, all of you know how important you were to her. We join you in paying tribute to your remarkable mother and grandmother. We all appreciated her presence here on earth and the friendship she gave to us and to those around her.

The Wiltshire Family

RJ Wiltshire - October 13, 2015 at 03:09 PM

JD

“ Dear Alan, Robin, Candy and your families,

I was so sorry to read of your Mother's passing in today's NewsPress.

Haven't seen her any of you folks in many years, but would think of her and your Dad every so often. My family moved to Fort Myers in 1952, don't remember when I first met them, probably at St Luke's. I do know that we all lived near each other after my father built our first house, on Braman Ct. My husband and I are leaving for Bimini, in the Bahamas tomorrow morning, so will be unable to see you all at her visitation and funeral

My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours on the loss of your wonderful Mom.

Jinya D'India

Jinya D'India - October 11, 2015 at 05:59 PM

TF

“ *The Tomasch Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carol Cannon Richardson.*



The Tomasch Family - October 11, 2015 at 03:01 PM

RS

“ *Rose and Skip Steuart purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carol Cannon Richardson.*



Rose and Skip Steuart - October 11, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Cannon Richardson.*



October 10, 2015 at 04:11 PM



Michelle Barley

“ *Robin, my heart goes out to you and yours during this time. I will never forget your mom thru all our sports we played back in high school she was always there to cheer for us and I know she was always especially proud of you!. she was one of the few parents for the girls teams that was always there, who knew how important our games were to us even if we didn't have the entire school backing us like the guys did your mom and the few other parents that came always made up for that. I will never forget her.RIP Mrs. R you will be missed.*



Michelle Barley - October 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM



Josephine Kunkle

*I will miss you, but my heart is light because you are now free.
My deepest sympathy to Carol's family at this time.*

Josephine Kunkle - October 18, 2015 at 12:21 PM