



Carol Gillette Smith

September 29, 1952 - June 1, 2018

It is with unimaginable sorrow and sadness that our precious Carol passed away on Friday June 1, 2018 as a result of complications from cancer. Carol was born in Willoughby, Ohio on September 29, 1952. Carol graduated from Harding High School in Fairport Harbor, Ohio then graduated from Wittenberg University in 1974 and was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Carol lived a life full of energy, enthusiasm, poise and grace even through diagnosis and treatment. Her smile was contagious and she made lasting friends whenever and wherever she went. She will be forever remembered as a well-respected commercial real estate lender who genuinely cared for her clients and co-workers. While she only got to enjoy retirement for two and half years, she made the most of it through travel, dining with friends, being the best Mommy to cats, McDuff and Arnold and being with her husband, Stephen. Carol and Stephen met 44 years ago and have been married for the best 43 years of her husband's life. She will be deeply missed but her memory lives on vividly. Carol and Stephen spent many happy years in Dublin, Ohio, split time between Ohio and Florida and eventually moved to Bonita Springs, Florida full-time in 2015 where she was active serving on the finance and social committees as well as being very active socially in the wonderful Vasari Country Club community. Carol brought joy to Stephen's heart every single day and he was blessed to have found her, it was truly love at first sight and everlasting.

Carol was predeceased by her wonderful mother, Mildred and her father, Nathaniel. She is survived by her twin brother, Thomas and his wife, Ann, niece, Dorie, and her husband, Brian and sons, Tristan and Wynn; brother, Jim and Diane Farinacci; brother, Robert and his wife, Nancy, niece, Elizabeth and husband, David and nephews, Arthur and Peter. Carol was also predeceased by several aunts and uncles who likewise loved her. On Stephen's side of the family, she was predeceased by her mother-in-law Edna, father-in-law Marion I and numerous close relatives. Carol is survived by brothers-in-law, Bill and Irv and nephew, Tim and Beth and their children, Kaitlyn and Kristen. Carol is further survived by a host of fun loving and supportive Vasari friends, all of whom share in the grief of her sudden passing.

Carol was a special lady in the truest sense of the word and all who knew her adored her style, sense of humor and positive attitude. She touched so many lives in meaningful ways; her presence will be missed.

A memorial service to celebrate Carol's life will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs, FL with the Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace, officiating.

Due to the vicious nature of cancer, you are encouraged to donate to the American Cancer Society in Carol's name. She bravely fought this devastating disease with courage and conviction.

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home in Bonita Springs, FL is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Gillette Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Steve,*

Moe and I just heard about Carol. We are so sorry. She was such a great person. We always enjoyed being with you two, especially at Ohio State games.

Please know you are in our prayers.

I left my phone number with the funeral home if you want to call.

Best wishes.

Bill and Moe Harvey

Bill Harvey - December 04, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Carol's passing. You two had a very special relationship, a rare love affair stretching four decades. It has to be very hard for you. Rebecca and my thoughts and prayers are with you. What a classy lady Carol was. Taken way too soon.*

Gary and Rebecca.

gary langfitt - July 28, 2018 at 08:42 PM

PJ

“ Steve, it is with deep sadness that we send our condolences to you for the loss of Carol. It seems like such a short time ago that Carol and I would sit by the pool together, sharing magazines and stories, waiting for you and Pete to be done golfing! I would often see Carol working out after work in the fitness room, and we shared in fun conversations.

Carol was a beautiful person, both inside and out, and always so positive! She was such a delight to spend time with, and oh did she adore you! Her laughter was contagious, and whenever you spoke with her, you had her undivided attention. Tomorrow will be one of the most difficult days of your life, saying good-bye to the love of your life. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers as you begin to put one step in front of the other, and keep going. Carol would want you to do that! May God's blessings keep you strong.

Pete & Patti Johnson
Dublin, Ohio

Patti Johnson - July 27, 2018 at 03:53 PM

KO

“ Steve, it has been years since I've seen you and just wanted to express my condolences for the loss of your wife. I pray for God's mercy on you and you family.

Kathy O'Brien Owen

Kathy O'Brien Owen - July 08, 2018 at 06:15 PM

ME

“ Steve,
So sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She was a wonderful and vibrant person. I remember when I saw her at our last reunion she asked for tips about retiring and was looking forward to it. She will be greatly missed. Keep your memories alive. God be with you at this difficult time.



Love,
Marty Conrad Eitel

Marty Eirel - June 14, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ I am so sorry, Steve. May the wonderful memories of the time you shared be a comfort through these difficult days.
Ellen Jenkins Irish

Ellen Irish - June 13, 2018 at 07:02 AM

JW

“ Steve, you are in our thoughts and we send our love to you. Carol was such a gracious host and remarkable woman. Her beauty on the outside penetrated into her heart and spirit. We love you both and we will be here if you need anything.

Judy and Jim Wood

Judy Wood - June 12, 2018 at 07:34 PM

AS

“ Steve, I am so sorry to hear about Carol's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
Amelia Thomas Stevens

Amelia Stevens - June 12, 2018 at 09:24 AM

BH

“ Steve was so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bill and Karen Huffman

Bill and Karen Huffman - June 12, 2018 at 07:41 AM

JC

“ I am very sad to hear of Carol's passing. She was so sweet and kind in High School. She was loved by everyone in school. I'm praying for her family and for her brothers. God has taken a true angel into His arms.

Jay Clark - June 07, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ It saddens me to hear of Carol's passing. Growing up together in Fairport, she was one of my dearest friends throughout the years. My thoughts are with her husband and brothers. *Michele & Don Whitaker*

Michele Whitaker - June 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM

AK

“ Stephen, I just want you to know how much of a impact Carol had on me personally and with my CRE career. She always supported me, had a smile and laugh through it all and truly cared about her staff and customers. We were more of a family at HNB with her leading her way. I will ALWAYS be appreciative of Carol and her friendship and positive influence on my life and all she touched. God bless. - *Andy Kerr*

Andrew Kerr - June 06, 2018 at 12:21 PM

BC

“ Dear Stephen:
I hope you remember me....Barbara Carder. I was Bill's girlfriend years ago and remember you and Carol from holidays spent at your parents in Circleville.
I just read the obituary about Carol, and want to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. I remember Carol as being "larger than life" with a wonderful smile and such a good heart. So very sad that cancer took such a dear person from you. It sounds like you and Carol had a wonderful life in Ohio and Florida. I hope your memories are comforting to you. Please take care of yourself and be well.
Barbara Carder
bcarder@hotmail.com

Barbara Carder - June 06, 2018 at 12:06 PM

BK

“ Steve, I am saddened to learn about Carol. Carol was always supportive of me at the Bank and life in general going back 40 plus years. I will miss her smile and our friendship. RIP my friend.

Bob Kaithern

bob kaithern - June 06, 2018 at 10:02 AM

BW

Steve,

I'm so saddened to hear of Carol's passing. In addition to being a great banker, she was a wonderful friend and always looked out for her customer's best interest in doing what was right. She had such a positive attitude. The world is a better place because she has passed through it.

Bob Weiler

bob weiler - July 22, 2018 at 12:20 PM