



## Carol Gillen

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On May 3rd, 2022 Carol Gillen passed away at her home in Loveland, Colorado. She was held by her loving husband and daughter. She was strong to the last, never complaining about the health issues that ultimately caused her passing, always putting her family first.

A true Yorkshire Lass, Carol was born in Sheffield, England on April 14th, 1945 to Arnold and Sally Green. She attended City Grammar School followed by Nonington College in Kent, where she trained to be a Physical Education teacher. She met Tony Gillen, a fellow teacher at Penistone Grammar School. They married in 1969. In 1997 they emigrated to the United States, a country they had grown to love.

Carol is survived by her loving husband Tony, her son Padma Gillen in England, daughter Laura Gillen and son-in-law Chris LaRive in South Dakota. One sister, Audrey Greaves in England. She was preceded in death by her parents Arnold and Sally, her sister May Green and her brother-in-law Roy Greaves (truly like a big brother to her).

She loved to travel and to see beautiful countryside. Some of her favorite places were Curbar Edge and Padley Gorge in Derbyshire, the Gulf Coast in Florida, and Horsetooth Reservoir in Colorado.

Always a sports-lover, Carol was passionate about tennis and never missed an Andy Murray game. She loved to help her family and friends, maintaining many life-long relationships. Most of all, she was passionate about being a Mum and was thrilled later to become “Grandmo” to her bonus grandson, Mason.

A Visitation for friends will be held from 4:00-5:00pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. The family will privately celebrate her life following Carol’s wishes. She was never one for attention.

Donations in Memory - If you would like to make a donation in memory of Carol, we invite you to make a donation to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation h  
[ttps://pkdcure.org/give](https://pkdcure.org/give)

Arrangements are with Bohlender Funeral Chapel of Fort Collins <https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ My love to Tony and Laura, I have only just learned of this sad news. I went to school with Carol and then we both trained at the same PECOlege. A lovely, lovely lady ❤️

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**Helen Hilton** - December 18, 2022 at 12:50 PM

EG

“ Auntie Carol, thank you for all your humour, wit, support and zest for life. I will miss you. A very big hug to Uncle Tony, Laura and Padma. With much love,  
Ed

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**Ed Gillen** - May 17, 2022 at 01:31 PM

AG

“ Dear Carol, thank you for being the brightest, most enthusiastic and caring person. You found the humour in any situation and always emphasised the positives. Thank you for looking after me and being such an incredible support. Miss you lots and lots. Sending Uncle Tony, beautiful Laura, and Padma a big hug. With lots of love

Alex

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**Alex Gillen** - May 15, 2022 at 03:53 PM

TG

“ Carol, thank you for being my sister-in-law for over 45 years. I will miss you so very much. You were such a bright light, always caring, always thoughtful, always ready to help and always with a sense of humour. Difficult to believe you have left us.

Thoughts are with Tony, who could not have done more for Carol, Laura who was a constant support, and Padma, separated by the Atlantic Ocean.

With very, very much love,  
Thelma

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**Thelma Gillen** - May 11, 2022 at 05:49 AM

MW

“ I am so shocked to hear of your passing. I didn't even know you were ill. My love and remembrance to Tony. Sincere condolences to all the family.

I will always remember our stay with you on Widbey Island, with very fond memories. You will be greatly missed on Facebook my friend.

Maureen Watson.

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**Maureen Watson** - May 08, 2022 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. I have fond memories of Carol and Tony when visiting my sister in Dronfield. I remember particularly the kindness and support you both gave to Chris and our Mum. Our thoughts and very best wishes are with you all.

Judy and Ian

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**Judith Simmons** - May 08, 2022 at 05:05 AM

SF

“ I am in shock, I felt as if I knew Carol well, even though we never met. I remember getting some Hendersons Relish for her a couple of time when I went home to visit. I would search high and low for it. Carol meant a lot to me, giving me such wonderful advice, always so sympathetic to any problem. I will miss her wit and kindness. Many condolences to her family. <3

Sue Figgs - May 07, 2022 at 11:11 AM

SK

“ So sorry to hear this news. I was really fond of Carol. Growing up I always remember her as the 'sporty mum' (memories of her winning the sprint race at Gorsey Brigg school sports day. By a mile....). Lots of memories hanging out at Solway Rise & then inspired by her & Tonys constant reinvention of themselves - PE teachers, IT professionals, real estate guru's. But always doing it together. She will be missed. Sending our love and best wishes to Tony, Padma & Laura xxxxx The Kelsey's (née Parkin).



sue kelsey - May 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ Carol was such a special friend to my Mom and I will always be grateful for that. My heart goes out to Tony and Laura during this difficult time. Carol is free now but will certainly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Sandi Bause'

Sandi Bause - May 06, 2022 at 09:24 PM



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - May 06, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BR

“ Our love and hugs to Tony Laura and family from your loving family here in England. We can't believe our Auntie Carol has passed. As a young child when I said auntie Carol it sounded like Tatty Towel and that's how I always remember her.

*I can't say how my brother Steve used to pronounce her name as it might be mis understood .*

*I remember when I was about 8 years old Carol bought me my first coke I'm talking brown fizzy drink of course.*

*Just a lifetime of memories even though Carol moved to America we always kept in touch with email , I'll miss our chats.*

*God bless you Tatty Towel love from Bri Steve Vicky Liz Audrey and all your family XXX*



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**Brian** - May 06, 2022 at 12:45 PM

TG

“ I was a young sixteen-year-old when Carol asked me if I wanted another sister, and shortly after, she became my sister-in-law. Even though it was over fifty years ago, it seems like only yesterday. The years have gone by too quickly and, with the pace of modern life, I didn't say 'thank you' often enough or loudly enough. So here is a photo of a happy time together. Remembering you always, Tez.



Terry Gillen - May 06, 2022 at 07:52 AM

AB

“ I was so blessed to have Carol as a friend and will miss her so very much. I thank Tony and Laura for sharing her with me. She was a special lady to so many people. Prayers for all of you. Fly with the butterflies, my friend. ❤️  
Love-Amy



Amy Birchfield - May 05, 2022 at 04:44 PM

KG

A wonderful lady and special friend, always caring about others and always made me feel special ❤️ may you look over your beautiful family and devoted Tony always. Rest well my friend, prayers and hugs to Tony and Laura always💕Love, Brad and Kelli

Kelli Geddeis - May 05, 2022 at 08:17 PM

GB

Carol, you will be so missed. My heart goes out to Laura and Tony on this tremendous loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You will always be TCL "Twiny Come Lately" to me and I will hold you in my heart. Ginny Bevins

Ginny Bevins - May 05, 2022 at 09:51 PM