



Carol J. Owens Peterson

May 5, 1948 - September 29, 2013

CAROL J. OWENS PETERSON Carol was born on May 5, 1948 in Fort Collins, to James and Jean Owens. After living on North Roosevelt and Bungalow Ct, the family moved to a 3-acre farm on South Shields in the 1950's. Here she belonged to the local 4-H club, and owned a cow named Slo Gem. Her many hours of working with Slo Gem paid off, winning several first place ribbons at the Larimer County Fair. She also played the violin and the piano. One of the schools she attended was known as "Number 16." It was a two-room brick schoolhouse, one of the last of its kind in northern Colorado, which stood on the northwest corner of Shields and Drake. In 1966 she graduated from Fort Collins High School. She worked several jobs after graduating, including Arlan's Department Store. For a while she worked as a rural carrier at the Coloradoan, and then for many years as a rural route carrier for the post office. In 1968 she married her soul-mate, Barry Peterson. They had so many things in common, including a love for the mountains and an urge to travel. Some of their favorite places were St. Kitts, St. Thomas, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They spent a lot of time in Myrtle Beach, and had entertained the idea of perhaps moving there someday. On cruises, they traveled through the Panama Canal, and have visited nearly every island in the Caribbean. She took her fifteenth and final cruise this September. Among the other places they visited during their time together: Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, Spain, Ireland, and Scotland. Their first daughter, Tanya, was born in 1972. And their second daughter, Tammy was born in 1976.

Carol's parents bought property in the Crystal Lakes area by Red Feather Lakes, and later built a cabin on it. The cabin became a second home for the entire family. After Carol's parents passed away, Carol and Barry continued to spend a great deal of their summers up there. They also bought land of their own. One of Carol's enjoyments was driving around the area, trying to spot a moose or two. She also adored hummingbirds and columbines. And thanks to their many vacations to the seaside, she developed a real love for lighthouses, her favorite one being at Cape Lookout in North Carolina. On July 29, 2011, after 28 years, Carol retired from the United States Post Office. Now that she and Barry were both retired Barry had worked for Markley Motors, they planned a long wedding anniversary trip for November. It was then that Carol was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. They were still able to take their trip, and she started treatment shortly after coming back home. She never gave up, and thanks to the wonderful medical care she received, she was able to live a very full life for nearly two years. In the summer of 2013, however, it became evident that the chemotherapy treatments were losing their effect. She rapidly declined, and in September she went under the care of the local Hospice. She loved her family dearly, and friends will remember her as always having a smile on her face, always a positive attitude. She had a determination that some would call stubbornness. She touched a lot of lives, and will be greatly missed. Preceding her in death were her mother, Jean Owens 1925-1991 and her father, James A. Owens 1924-2004. She is survived by her husband, Barry Peterson; daughter, Tanya Bedan, Tanya's husband, Jeff Bedan and daughter, Amanda; daughter, Tammy Peterson and her daughter, Kristina, and Kristina's son, Nolyn; brother, Jim Owens; sister, Marsha Jewell; and nieces and nephews; many childhood friends still in the area, as well as friends from the post office. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Bob Comegys will officiate the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *With deep sympathy and you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Chester and Liz Gorecki*

Chester Gorecki - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our hearts go out to you and your family and we hope your heart eventually can heal from this. From your friends at Landmark our condolences!*

Morgan Bolls - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *We were very sad to hear of Carol's passing. Last we had heard she was making improvement in her fight with cancer. Our condolences to her immediate family, and Marsha and Jim. Postal co-worker Karen Ragan*

Karen Ragan - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Barry, fellow bowler, I never had the privilege of meeting your wife but your life together was awesome and for sure many cherished memories. I'm so sorry for your loss at such a young age. My sympathies to the family.*

Arlys Wagner - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Our deepest condolences to Jim, Marsha, and your family. God bless you.*

Harold & Liz Lang - October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Barry and Family, Hard to believe that the time has past. Carol's mom and my mom in school. Carol's dad and my dad working together. Carol and I both working at the paper. My dad and Carol both at the PO. You and I at Markley's. All of us in high school. And yet I'm not sure the last time we saw you guys other than Barry's retirement, even though we lived less than a mile from each other for over 20 years. I know you had a good life together and am sorry for your loss. All our sympathies. Denny Whitehead and Jan Thayer

Denny Whitehead and Jan Thayer - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Barry-Tanya & Tammy Carol was loved by so many and she will be dearly missed. She often spoke of her great blessing in having you as her loving companion and of her loving daughters . Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time , please accept our condolences and be assured that we will be here for you should you need us.

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RB

“ Barry & Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on the loss of Carol as wife, mom, and grandmother. I recall Barry's plans a year ago to go to Montana, and we shared a few minutes about the upcoming trip. This year it was a cruise. Carol's pain has ended, and she now lives in the hearts of those who loved her so much. Blessings to you all. Rae Batch

Rae & Myrt-Louise Batch - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Barry words are insufficient to describe feelings at times such as this. We will miss Carol as we know you do. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Girls today. God Bless!

Fred and Jean Rider - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ I am sorry for your loss.

Erin Lockman - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your pain, I pray the memories might make everything easier...I love you!

janice - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ BARRY,PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS.

BILL DAVIN - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Our sincere sympathies in your loss -- there are no words that can heal the hurt - just time. Carol was a dear friend who had her priorities in check in what was most important. She was soft spoken and easy to like as a person. We will MISS her!!!*

Chuck and Alice Glanz - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Sorry to read of Carol's passing. My condolences to Jim, Marsha, and all.*

Wendell Frey - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Barry, Gina and I pass on our condolences with a heavy heart. Carol, as you know was like a 2nd mother to Stacey. Carol will be dearly missed. May god bless.*

Charlie Gilligan - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I have done nothing but think about your big smile and all the times I was able to spend with you. You were like a second mother to me and I will think about you everyday.*

Michelle Ammon - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Carol will be dearly missed by all of us. Prayers are with you. Love All

Beverly Naylor-Horsley - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our sympathy to Carol's family. She enjoyed her family and all the things they did together. She will be missed so much.

Becky Bedan - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I have always been fond of Carol, Marsha & Jim and watching all of you growing up. Thanks to Barry for all the good times the two of you shared and your being so kind to Carol.

Lucille Owens - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We love you. Kim&sarah

kim dappollonio - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Barry, Tanya, Tammy I am so sorry to hear about Carol. Even though I have not seen you for several years there are lots of memories of your family. As our back yard neighbors when Tanya and Tammy were born. Lots of great visits over the back fence. Dont forget Brandy Sue also one great dog. Thought and prayers are with you all.

Schanna Preuit - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My deepest sympathy to Carol's family. You are in my thoughts & prayers. I knew Carol in high school, then ran into her years later when I moved into a neighborhood where she delivered mail. She retired about 2 years ago and we still miss her. She was a good lady and always had a smile for everyone. I was so saddened to hear of her passing.

Bev Sinclair - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Carol was a blessing to us and will be sorely missed. What a huge smile and heart and zest for life! To her family, I send all my love and many, many prayers. You are in our thoughts and prayers continually right now as Aunt Ruth sends hers as well. We love you all. God bless.

Nell Rider - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Barry, Tanya, Tammy & Families, My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. May God comfort you and give you strength during this sad time of your lives. I have known Carol a good many years. She went to the same little two-room school Diana & Jack attended. Was in the 4-H Club that John helped lead. It was always a joy to be associated with her family. Later years she delivered our paper when we lived east of Timnath. She & her girls would sometimes stop to visit when delivering. We always looked forward to their visits. The last couple years when Carl & I were in Colorado we admired Carol's courage and positive attitude during her battle against cancer. She is loved and yes, all of us will miss her and that beautiful smile she always had for us.

Barbara Eades-Bock - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Carol. Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Sincerely Harry & Janalee

Harry & Janalee Wagner - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Carol was a wonderful woman and cousin a great part of our family that brought joy whenever she was around. I wish we could have seen more of her and Barry but the distance was to great except for occasional visits that were always memorable. My thoughts prayers and love to all of the family.

Skye Rider - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Carol was alway an wonderful friend to our family. We spent many days and nights with the family. So many memories with the entire family. Her daughters even babysat me and my siblings when we were children. She will be missed. Prayers to everyone. Amy Stanton

amy stanton - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with the Peterson family in your time of loss. Tammy, I hold you dear in my heart and wish for comfort for you and the rest of your family. Nancy

Nancy Skouge - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God's peace and comfort find you all during this difficult time.

Amber Trent - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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RS

“ *I was sad to read of Carols passing. I always liked her. Jim and Marsha, you were lucky to have her as a sister. My deepest condolences to you and all your family.*

Rick Stevens - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM