



Carol Coughlin

May 22, 2025

Carol Coughlin a devoted mother, daughter, and friend, died peacefully at home on at the age of 85.

Born to Rose and Benjamin Webber, Carol grew up in Hartford, Connecticut, where she helped in the family business, Webber's Garage. She often recalled her upbringing in Hartford's North End and the community around the shop with clarity and fondness as well as the antics of extended relations in the Providence, Rhode Island area.

A graduate of Mount St. Joseph's High School in West Hartford, she went on to earn a degree in History from the University of Hartford—an accomplishment that reflected her determination and intellectual curiosity at a time when few women pursued higher education.

Throughout her life, Carol took on a wide range of professional roles, from retail marketing to real estate. While raising her two children remained her priority, she worked in many capacities, always balancing family needs with her own ambitions and interests.

She was predeceased by her second husband, John Coughlin. Together, they shared a love for travel and spent many years active in the Family Motor Coach Association, often organizing meetups and events for other RV enthusiasts. Although not a natural sailor, Carol spent many weekends aboard their boat out of Avondale, Rhode Island, supporting John's love of the ocean despite her tendency toward seasickness.

In her later years, she moved to Hilton Head, where she was an active and

appreciated member of her senior living community and maintained close relationships with immediate and extended family, as well as an ever-growing network of friends.

She is survived by her two children, Beth Coughlin and Craig Rifkin, who remember her for her resilience, sharp humor, and knowing her own mind in every instance.

Known for her strong opinions and even stronger sense of style, Carol had an eye for detail and a talent for helping others present themselves with confidence, through nearly magical consignment store shopping.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 am on Friday, May 30 at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT 06119. To attend the service remotely please use this link for livestreaming:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25054560265339>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford in her memory.

At some future date and time to be determined, a Celebration of Life will occur as well at her active senior living community on Hilton Head Island.

Cemetery Details

Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery

Wolcott Rd
East Granby, CT

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119

Tribute Wall



“ Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carol Coughlin



Molloy Funeral Home - May 27, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JB

We had a lot of good times camping. RIP Joyce Bogan

Joyce Bogan - May 29, 2025 at 11:25 AM

LE

Ms Carol & Mr John were our neighbors in the HHIMR and we kept in touch after they moved away from the resort. For years Ms Carol and I met monthly for lunch followed by field trips to area thrift stores, parks, etc.

My most precious memory is when she visited us just days after we moved into our new home and blessed us and our home by sharing a Jewish blessing.

Just a few days before she passed she and I went to lunch at Frankie Bones and as usual there was laughter, shared memories in addition to sage advice and more laughter.

I loved Ms. Carol - she was a special friend and I will miss her very much.

Leslie - July 05, 2025 at 01:35 PM

PC

“ *Patsy Chambers lit a candle in memory of Carol Coughlin*



Patsy Chambers - May 30, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JB

“ *Joyce B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Coughlin.*

Joyce B. - May 29, 2025 at 11:35 AM