



## Carol "Mink" Coates Spence

December 6, 2022

Carol Coates Spence, 74, Carol, first and foremost, was a devoted mother and grandmother. Carol passed peacefully on Dec 6th 2022 surrounded by the care of her children and their spouses. She was born and raised in West Hartford to William Mills Coates and Nancy (Ward) Coates. Carol attended House in the Pines in Norton MA. before graduating from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Carol is survived by her two sons Tren and Tyler Spence and her daughter Paige Spence-Berthiaume and their spouses Sharon Spence, Tara Spence and Padgett Berthiaume respectively, as well as her sister Nancy Scull, and Carol's beloved 7 grandchildren.

Carol made her career as an artist whose desire was to make people smile through her artwork. She found success in that endeavor through making her miniature dolls. Carol thoroughly enjoyed creating primitive folk art dolls.

Carol's other passions included traveling, dancing, walking the beach, welcoming so many friends and family into her home to celebrate life, and above all being with her children and grandchildren.

Carol, who everyone called Mink, loved going to the Ogunquit playhouse with her sister and seeing Broadway shows. Mink loved the ocean and being in Maine for the summers with family and friends.

Carol was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia over 12 years ago. PPA is a frontotemporal disorder and a rare form of dementia. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made in memory of Carol Spence in support of the Frontotemporal Disorders Unit at Mass General. Mail gifts to: Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: A. Van Strien.

Donations may be made online at [giving.massgeneral.org/donate](https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate); please be sure to indicate that the gift is a tribute gift in memory of Carol Spence for the FTD Unit.

A wake will be held at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Sunday 12/11 from 1:00-3:00 and a private burial will be held at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford the following day.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

# Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere condolences to Nan, Mink's entire family and those she held dear.

*It appears that 'through her art she made people smile' through her life she brought much joy. Treasures of the heart are what sustain us in hard times. All who knew her are truly blessed.*

*Barbara Landry  
old friend Nan*

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**Barbara Landry** - December 11, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Ralph..(Tren)..and I were saddened to learn of Carol's death. She was a bright light who always had a smile and a pleasant word through the years we shared with her in her best times. To Tren, Tyler, Paige and her other loved ones go our deep sympathy but please know how much she was cared about and appreciated by others. Ralph/Tren and Carol Linsley*

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**Ralph Linsley** - December 10, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol "Mink" Coates Spence.*



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December 08, 2022 at 10:55 PM