



Carol Smith

April 18, 2024

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Carol lived a long and fulfilling life—nearly 90 years. Carol was the only child of Rena Belle Kirsch Farr and George Albert Farr. She spent most of her life in the Caribbean on the islands of St. Croix, St. Eustatius, and St. Barthélèmy, with time in Boston, MA, Banner Elk, NC, Beaufort, SC, and Bloomfield, CT. In her many years on St. Croix, she worked for the V.I. Department of Commerce coordinating tourism efforts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, where she helped write the Earth Change law, the Environmental Protection Handbook, and a book on plants. She also volunteered with the Red Cross, Pony Club, Landmarks, and Good Hope School. On Statia, with the blessings and support of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Carol and her late husband, John Dutton Smith, who she loved dearly for 44 years, restored a 200 year-old cottage in Oranjestad and volunteered with the St. Eustatius Historical Foundation. In St. Barth, she and J.D. built a traditional cottage on a bluff in Gustavia and enjoyed supporting the annual Festival de Musique, but Carol was most proud of being the first female pilot certified to fly into the island's famously challenging airport. Carol enjoyed traveling, a good party, funny stories, and interesting people. She thrived on a challenge—whether it was building support for a non-profit, flying her Cessna 182, or rescuing a dog (Duke, Trooper, Scamp, and, most recently, a three-legged, chihuahua mix Nugget, to name a few). Carol always looked forward to the next thing.

Carol died on Thursday, April 18, 2024. She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Smith; son-in-law, Philip Wellman; grandchildren, Carter and Dutton and his wife, Sally; and brother in-law and sister in-law, Joel and Diana Smith.

To those who wish to make a donation in honor of Carol's memory, please support one of her favorite charities, the St. Croix Animal Welfare Shelter.

A celebration of Carol's life will be scheduled at a later date.