



## Carole James Grayson

August 24, 1946 - June 16, 2018

Carole James Grayson of Bloomfield, formerly of West Hartford, died on Saturday, June 16, 2018. She was born August 24, 1946, in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Elizabeth “Betty” James and Crawford “Jimmy” James. She is survived by her sister, Jacqueline James Blinn, and brother-in-law, David P. Blinn, of San Diego, CA. Carole graduated from Conard High School in 1964, Russell Sage College in Troy, NY in 1968, and UCONN School of Social Work in 1984. She was a Social Worker and Social Work Supervisor, Family Services, for the State of Connecticut for over 35 years. Carole was a member of the West Indian Social Club, where she developed a love for the game of cricket and became an excellent scorer of the game. She served as Secretary of the WISC’s cricket team and was the longest serving Secretary of the Connecticut Cricket League. She would fall in love with every child she met; and they loved her in return. When Carole wasn’t scoring cricket or playing with kids, she was listening to music, dancing, smiling, exercising, cuddling her beloved French poodles, reading a book, watching a documentary or debating politics. Her love of history and desire to learn about other cultures encouraged her to travel whenever possible. The family would like to thank Carole’s good friends for their incredible support, assistance and many acts of kindness during Carole’s last few years. We also thank everyone at Seabury Meadows for their love and devotion to Carole. Those wishing to send expressions of sympathy to the family may make a donation to Seabury Charitable Foundation Meadows Activity Fund ([seaburylife.org](http://seaburylife.org)), 200 Seabury

Dr., Bloomfield, CT 06002 or Masonicare Partners Hospice, 111 Founders Plaza, East Hartford, CT 06108 Per her request, a celebration of Carole's life will be held at Cornwall Beach, Montego Bay, Jamaica at a date to be determined.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ It was such a pleasure to enjoy her company when she would visit New York with her sister, Jacquie. She was so generous with her time - such a happy, caring person.  
New York City was a different place when time shared with Carole. She is so missed.  
Maria Santangeli

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**Maria Santangeli** - July 04, 2018 at 11:46 AM

AB

“ Carole and I have been friends since we were in 7th grade at Sedgwick Jr. High in West Hartford. I have so many happy memories of our shared Junior High and High School years together – always accompanied by Carole’s upbeat attitude toward life. As teens, we both took piano lessons, but she was truly the virtuoso. We played duets constantly – and I remember how much fun that was to this day. Through the years since high school, we always managed to keep in touch, attending high school reunions together and in later years meeting for lunch to celebrate our birthdays. We made a vow in high school that we would serve in the Peace Corps together ... it never happened, but that commitment to make the world a more just place is Carole’s legacy. Rest in peace, Carole.

*Ann Lobingier Boyd*

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**Ann Boyd** - June 28, 2018 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ Carole was not only my colleague but also my friend. Not only was she a friend to me but she also became a friend to my children ; all of them would frequently ask about Carole, how she was doing and what was she doing.

Carole was bright, forthright and always provided counsel and advice in her own style yet you knew it was always genuine and real. She has a passion for helping those less fortunate and provide hope for a brighter existence to thousands who never would even know her name.

She lived life, has fun where ever she went with that bright smile and hearty laughter. She experienced much ,have us much and taught us much.

Condolences to her family and to her many friends .Her bright star has left us yet the memories left shall remain with us forever and make us smile and rejoice that our paths intersected.

Job well done Carole Grayson ...

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**John Hesterberg** - June 26, 2018 at 09:58 AM

MF

“ Carole was kind and compassionate. She was a great colleague and mentor, and most importantly, a dear friend. Throughout the difficulties Carole experienced during the past several years, she continued to smile and be grateful to those around her. She is sorely missed. Rest in peace my dear friend. My deepest condolences to Jacque and David, Dorothy, as well as to friends whose lives she touched.

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**mfarieri** - June 22, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DP

“ Carole will always be in my heart. We shared so many wonderful times together. My thoughts are with you Jacque and David as Carole is finally at peace and is our new guardian angel

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**Dorothy Pysh** - June 22, 2018 at 12:38 PM

ST

“ *Carole was a friend and colleague. Her light has extinguished too soon but her mark on the world shall live forever. She was kind, compassionate, passionate and fun!*

*Our condolences to her family and friends. May her memory be eternal.*

*Stephanie and Gary Marino*

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**Stephanie** - June 22, 2018 at 04:22 AM

HS

“ *Carol Grayson was a reliable friend; always in a good mood, caring professional, trusted friend and a happy soul unlike anyone I met. She was kind and modest and had time and respect for any one and any idea, specially fun ideas.*

*My condolences to her family, DSS friends and anyone who thinks of Carol.*

*Hasan Samakaab (DSS, Hartford)*

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**Hasan Samakaab** - June 21, 2018 at 07:44 AM

ES

“ *Carol - you have the most beautiful personality, smile and sense of humor. I will forever cherish our conversations and laughs. You are such a compassionate and caring person and I am blessed to have the privileged of knowing you. The West Indian Social Club will miss one of our most devoted members. Thanks for the knowledge you imparted on me and may your precious soul rest in perpetual peace.*

*Errol A. Smith*

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**Errol A. Smith** - June 21, 2018 at 12:37 AM

DE

“ *Rip Carole you will be missed (Dennis Harrison)*

Dennis - June 20, 2018 at 02:27 PM

LS

“ *Carole was on my dorm floor freshman year at Russell Sage College and between 2008 and 2012 when she moved to assisted living a very dear helpful Facebook friend. May she rest in peace*



*Lynne Shapiro, San Diego.*

Lynne Shapiro - June 20, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MG

“ *Carole was a classmate of mine at Conard High School (1964). Always energetic and ready with a sweet smile. She will be sorely missed by many. May the memories of Carole be for a blessing for all who knew and loved her.*

Miriam Rosen Gerber - June 19, 2018 at 12:23 AM

SL

“ *We had such good times and laughter!*

*Sue LaCroix*

Suzanne LaCroix - June 17, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ *Carole brought light wherever she went, to whomever she met. May light perpetual shine upon her.*

Jocelyn Dowdy - June 17, 2018 at 06:05 AM