



## Carolyn R. Cartland

December 13, 1951 - August 31, 2016

Carolyn Ruth Cartland passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 with her family by her side. Beloved daughter, sister, aunt, friend, colleague, and neighbor, Carolyn inspired every person who crossed her path. With her sharp wit, fierce independence, unbelievable courage, overwhelming generosity, and immense heart, Carolyn embraced a life full of joy, laughter, spirit, and love. Whether hosting dinners at her home, spending time with friends and family at her beloved Hatchet's Point, or being involved with her church community, Carolyn welcomed all into her world and her life. Born on December 13, 1951 in Hartford, CT, Carolyn was the only daughter of the late Dr. John E. Cartland, Jr. and Klazina (Kuiken) Cartland. Carolyn grew up in West Hartford, attended the local schools there and graduated with distinction from Conard High School, Class of 1970. She continued her formal education by earning a Bachelor's degree in 1974 at Trinity College in Hartford. Carolyn was

employed by  
Cigna in Bloomfield for many years, where she rose to the position of AVP. It  
was  
during those years that she also earned a MBA at the University of Hartford.  
Later,  
Carolyn decided to redirect her career to a new, more meaningful area; that of  
social  
work. She left Cigna, returned to the University of Hartford, earned a Master's  
in  
Social Work and then went to work for the CT Children's Medical Center in  
Hartford  
as a highly dedicated social worker, retiring in 2000. Loving life and all that it  
offered, Carolyn was a devoted and hardworking member of the Unitarian  
Meeting  
House, where she was on their board. She also cherished her role as a  
successful  
champion for the disabled on the local, state and national levels; work that  
was of  
vital importance to her. For many years, Carolyn was a regular attendee at the  
Hartford Stage Company and was also a passionate, lifelong fan of the  
Boston Red  
Sox. For certain she loved that team and through the years attended many of  
their  
home games at Fenway Park.  
Carolyn leaves her brother, Richard E. Cartland and his wife Elaine of West  
Hartford,  
and sister-in-law Lucy Cartland, also of West Hartford. Carolyn was pre-  
deceased by  
two of her brothers, John E. Cartland III and Charles E. Cartland. Carolyn will  
also be  
greatly missed by her beloved nieces, nephews, great-nephew and great-

nieces who  
always knew that Carolyn was the "cool aunt": Kathryn (Cartland) Anderson,  
her  
husband Kenneth R. Anderson and great-nephew Holden E. Anderson of  
Windham,  
ME; Elizabeth Cartland of South Portland, ME; Christopher J. Cartland, his  
wife  
Jennifer A. Cartland and great-nieces Alexandra and Addison of West  
Simsbury, CT;  
and Timothy P. Cartland and his wife Rory D. Cartland of Quincy, MA. In  
addition to  
her family, Carolyn leaves behind an expansive community of loved ones and  
dear  
friends into whose lives she brought laughter and inspiration.

Carolyn's family wishes to invite her dear friends and loved ones to join them  
for a  
memorial service celebrating her extraordinary life on WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 7,  
2016, at 11A.M. at the Unitarian Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Avenue,  
Hartford, CT.

There will be a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Molloy  
Funeral Home of West Hartford is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Unitarian Meeting House  
50 Bloomfield Ave.  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn R. Cartland.*



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September 06, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *The way we were....as youthful and best of high school and college friends - Carolyn, Miriam (Kravitz), and many others. Cal was indeed the most courageous of us all, and the enduring distant friend exchanging Christmas cards to the end. Her's was the best of family as well and such fun all - her parents John & Klazina, her siblings Lucy, Jack, Dick, Elaine, and Chuck. There were two rainbows here in New Mexico on the 31st of August, and I know that they were both for Carolyn. Godspeed Cal, we will all miss you and your will to live that inspires us all to do the same.*

*Fred Emmel  
Albuquerque, NM*



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**Fred Emmel** - September 06, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carolyn R. Cartland.*



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September 05, 2016 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. May the God of all comfort strengthen you to cope and endure this difficult time.*

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**christie c** - September 05, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ *A bright light with so much stamina. I remember Carolyn from my Cigna days. She was an example and a gift. Natalie Das*

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**Natalie Das** - September 03, 2016 at 09:32 AM