



Carol Ann Collister

February 11, 1958 - May 23, 2014

CAROL ANN COLLISTER

Carol Ann Collister, 56, passed away Friday May 23, 2014 with friends and family by her side. She was born in Tacoma on February 11, 1958 to Rolla D. Collister and Toyoko Collister of Lakewood, both preceding her in death. Carol is survived by her sisters Barbara (husband Jai), and Donna (husband Rob). She is missed by her nephews Alex and Nick, whom she loved dearly. Carol adored gardening, the ocean, and walking her dog. Any time spent with her friends and family was very special to her. She was a well-loved host mom and friend to many foreign exchange students over the years. She worked in the dental industry for many years before making a career change and working as a para-educator working with children with autism. Carol was gifted with them and cherished making a positive difference in their lives and education. She has made a positive difference in many lives, and we will miss her warmth, her bright smile, her amazingly cheerful attitude and her silly sense of humor. Carol will always be our angel. Services are at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood on June 7, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Aspen Chapel, Celebration of Life Center. Reception follows.

Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. Please sign the online guestbook at www.mountainviewtacoma.com.

Events

JUN **Celebration of Life**

01:00PM

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Aspen Chapel

Mt. View Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

JUN **Reception**

02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of Mountain View
Memorial Park

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD, WA, US, 98499

Comments



“ Carol and I became best friends when we lived in Baumholder, Germany in 1970 and were in 7th grade. My family returned to the states and we made our home in El Paso Texas and soon after Carols family returned and went home to Washington. We lost touch with each other thru this process until I found her 42 years later in 2012 on Facebook. Carol hadn't changed at all in all those years and I knew it was her. I flew up to Washington in the summer of 2013 and spent a week with her. It was like we had never been apart for those 42 years and we had a blast! She showed me all around her home state and this summer she was going to come to Texas and see mine. Sadly that was not meant to be but I am so very blessed to have been able to reconnect with Carol before her passing. We always said we were besties and now she's my Guardian Angel in heaven. God Bless you my dear friend Carol and I love you! Lisa

Lisa Hoover-Huguley - June 06, 2014 at 06:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory - June 06, 2014 at 03:46 PM



“ Mary Lyon Staff purchased the Serene Green Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Carol Ann Collister.



Mary Lyon Staff - June 02, 2014 at 03:21 PM



“ I was blessed to know Carol from the time that I was twelve years old. I don't think I ever saw her without a beautiful smile on her face. She was gracious and kind and had a beautiful spirit. I wish I had taken the time to tell her how much she meant to me through the years. She still lived near my mom, and would stop by to say hi to her and chat. What a blessing! I am sorry that Carol is gone, but I know that Heaven must be rejoicing at her arrival. I can only strive to honor Carol's memory by trying to be more like her: happy, content, loving and kind. What an impact she had on this world. So many lives she brightened with her smile and loving presence.

Anita Morrison - June 01, 2014 at 07:56 PM



“ Your daughter, Ayumi Hubbard purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Carol Ann Collister.



Your daughter, Ayumi Hubbard - May 31, 2014 at 05:20 PM



“ Dear Carol,
I still can not believe what happened to you.. I really miss you.
You are the best host mom and friend to me. When I think of you, I only can remember the great memories and your smile. When I arrived the U.S.A., indeed I had a lot of fears and worries to my new life in the state, but your smile always made me smile and your kindness always made me comfort. I will never forget you and our great memories. You are the most lovely, kind, cheerful and wonderful person. I really glad I met you and have known you. The best thing happened in my college life in the U.S, is that I met you, it really was. I can not attend the ceremony, but my heart is always with you. You are a very special person, we will all miss you. May your soul rest in peace.

Love,

Your daughter Ayumi

Ayumi Hubbard - May 31, 2014 at 04:23 PM



“ Family of Carol

She will be missed by all of us here in the cafeteria. Carol always seem "HAPPY" with a smile on her face. She was the "Sunshine on a cloudy day."

With sympathy

Sue & Debbie

Sue Bury - May 30, 2014 at 10:15 AM



“ Wajid and Miekko Catlett purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Carol Ann Collister.



Wajid and Miekko Catlett - May 30, 2014 at 09:02 AM



“ Mayumi Fujino purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Carol Ann Collister.



Mayumi Fujino - May 29, 2014 at 08:06 PM



“ Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Collister



Sheila Willis - May 29, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ Carol was a true gift. I did not know her for very long, but I am blessed that she came into my life. She touched so many lives, including the students we work with. Carol always had a smile on her face and was positive through tough times. She made an impact on the lives of the students she worked with. It was a blessing to call her my friend and what she has taught me about bravery, love, and compassion will be with me my entire life. I will truly miss you Carol.

Malia Joy - May 29, 2014 at 03:27 PM



“ Carol, do you remember that we had only one time-meeting, it was spring in 2010? We had a BBQ party then, you are so nice that I felt as if we had already been friends for a long time. I miss you.. I will never forget your smile which makes anybody happy.
Talk to you again.
Love,

Mieke Catlett



Mieke Catlett - May 28, 2014 at 09:56 PM



“ To Carol Family; She will be greatly missed by all the lives that she had touched. Carol always had a smile and was a positive person. When it came to her students Carol was caring and very patient. We will see her again in a better place. Good- bye Carol for now I'll carry you in my memory. C--ompassionate
A--cceptance
R--ole model
O--utstanding
L--oving PERSON !!!!!
Best Wishes Debbie Scott

Debbie Scott - May 28, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ My very first time working at Lyon, Carol welcomed me with open arms. She smiled every day and asked me how it was going. I was an advocate at the time in Head Start. She was my Secret Pal and I could remember that she was so excited to give me my last present. When I returned at Lyon this year, I remembered her smile and it welcomed me once again. When I heard the news, I did not put two and two together until last week. It brought tears to my eyes, she was wonderful and kind. I only wish I could have known her better. I will pray for peace in her family and may she look down and cast her energy and keep them safe. She has inspired me to be better at welcoming new staff and to take time out to hear peoples stories. Leann Smith

Leann Smith - May 27, 2014 at 06:18 PM



“ Good morning family, I have been so blessed and touched by your eldest sister. What a blessing she has been in my life for the entire time here at Lyon. I am going to miss my dear friends contagious smile, giving and compassionate heart, greetings every morning at the door. She is smiling down on all of us because she made it to where we all hope to go one day. She assured me she was at peace. May God give you the strength to make it through each day and cherish each day that you have here on earth because tomorrow is not promised to any of us.
Love, Sheila Willis

Sheila Willis - May 27, 2014 at 11:56 AM



“ Carol was the most upbeat, caring, compassionate with all kids and staff and always had a smile no matter what she was facing. She faced everything with amazing grace. I will miss this incredible woman and feel blessed to have known her. My heart goes out to her family and I sincerely hope knowing that she has deeply touched the lives of so many may bring you some comfort at this difficult time.
God Bless,
Love,
Jane Zielske



jane zielske - May 27, 2014 at 11:11 AM



“ An amazing woman who will be dearly missed by her students, her co-workers, friends and family. I will miss her upbeat attitude every single day that I would see her. You will be in my heart always Carol for the compassion you shared with all who met you.

Anita



Anita Asmussen - May 27, 2014 at 10:46 AM



“ Offering sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Our Heavenly father in His word the Bible calls death an enemy (1Cor. 15:26) which He promises in the very near future to do away with (Rev. 21:4,5) At that time tragedies and accidents will be a thing of the past, no one will ever get sick (Isaiah 33:24) and there will be a reuniting, a bringing back to life instead of losing (John 5:28,29) Please allow these words to be of comfort to you and give you hope. (2Cor. 1:3,4)

TJ - May 27, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Red and White was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Collister.



May 26, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Angie - May 26, 2014 at 12:03 PM



“ Carol was always there to support me through all of the milestones of my life. She wasn't family by blood, but by love. What a wonderful woman. So much love and heart. Wishing peace to her family. Looking forward to the celebration of her life.

Angie - May 26, 2014 at 12:01 PM



“ Charlie (Bill) lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Collister



Charlie (Bill) - May 26, 2014 at 12:08 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Carol, I always enjoyed and admired you three girls, will keep you in my prayers. God Bless You!!

Lola - May 27, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ Laura Carlson is following this tribute.

Laura Carlson - May 25, 2014 at 11:51 PM



“ Terrie (TAZZY'S SIAMESE RESCUE) lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Collister



Terrie (TAZZY'S SIAMESE RESCUE) - May 25, 2014 at 09:57 PM



“ Stephanie Hellriegel lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Collister



Stephanie Hellriegel - May 25, 2014 at 07:44 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Donna, friends and family,

The Cyr/Weaver family are very sorry for your loss. Carol will always hold a special place in all of our hearts forever. May you find peace and Gods love.

Stephanie Cyr-Hellriegel

Stephanie - May 25, 2014 at 07:43 PM



“ Laura Carlson lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Collister



Laura Carlson - May 25, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ "Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but openings in Heaven where the light of our loved ones shines through to let us know they are happy." Carol, I will see your smile in the sky. I love you, my dear friend.

Laura

Laura Carlson - May 25, 2014 at 07:20 PM



“ Aunt Carol,
We had a connection right when we first met, decades ago. I will never forget how much you LOVED. You loved me, you loved my son SO much, and you loved life. I have so many things I wish I could say to you. I know you can hear me, so I'll tell you in a quiet moment later. Words can't describe how much I will miss you, but I will see you soon enough. Please remember to keep a watchful guardian eye on my boy as he grows; Lord knows I need all the guidance I can get! I wish I could hug you again. Love you much.

Gisela



gisela - May 25, 2014 at 04:27 PM



“ I will never forget our trip to New York getting stuck in the elevator with 8 other people, laughing in the van, I'm sure the driver thought I was crazy. The hot air balloon festival and sleeping in the suburban playing cards with only the dome light on. Guemas Island and her famous crab dip, she so loved it there. Getting her involved with exchange students, they were the kids she never had. Gardening last summer, my flowers were never more beautiful, darn you Carol you were supposed to help me this year too. So many good memories I will carry with me forever. We had a lot of good times. Your smile and cheerful attitude will be what I see when I think of you. Your spirit and determination will be my inspiration when I am lazy or think I cannot do something. My dear friend I will miss you forever but I will keep you close in my heart. Thank you God for bring this special lady into my life. Gale

Gale Christin - May 25, 2014 at 03:13 PM