



## Carol A. Foss

October 30, 1938 - January 6, 2019

Carol Ann Foss joined the choir of angels in heaven on January 6, 2019. Born to Adrian and Sadie Breen in Everett, Washington on October 30, 1938, Carol knew Jesus at a young age and expressed God's love through music and relationships throughout her whole life. As much as she loved music, Carol also wanted to be a nurse, so after graduating from Everett High School in 1956, she attended Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing earning the nursing diploma in 1959. While still in training, Carol met her husband, Carl, when she played the piano for his solo at First Presbyterian Church. Working as an RN at Tacoma General Hospital over the next 20 years, Carol also played the organ, piano, and directed choir at the Tacoma Christian Reformed Church, all while raising five children. Beginning attendance at Tacoma Life Center Assembly of God in 1978, Carol switched careers from Registered Nurse to Music Teacher and Music Secretary at Life Christian School and Life Center Church in the early '80s. Directing hand bell choirs there for many years was one of Carol's favorite musical ventures. Carol also enjoyed playing hand bells with the Tacoma Rainier Ringers. Retiring in 2005, Carol moved to Goldendale, Washington to be near the youngest 3 of her 10 grandchildren. There, she continued her music ministry with piano lessons, choir, hand bells, and publishing flute and piano arrangements. Carol returned to Tacoma in 2013. Carol bravely survived several serious health issues during her lifetime. Dementia however, she did not like very much. But for the last 15 months she lived in Lacey, Washington at Joshua's House Memory Care Home where she received the same, special kind of love and attention that she was known for and poured out to so many others during her life. She will be missed greatly by all of her family, friends, colleagues, and caregivers.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, and her sister Aileen. Carol is survived by her sister Ruth, children Randy, Patti (Tim), David (Cindy), Sharon (Kevin), and Dan (Elizabeth); DIL Lisa (Tim); grandchildren Brittani (Ian), Haley (Nick), Daniel (Jeimy), Sabrina (Nick), Lacey (Brandon), Deedra (Steven), Tori, Joel (Nicolle), Andrew, and Luke; great grandchildren Lily, London, Ryker, Liliann, Liam, Steven Jr., Danielle, and Brooks.

A memorial celebration of Carol's life will be held at 1:00 on Thursday, January 17, 2019,

at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, Washington.

# Cemetery

---

**Mountain View Memorial  
Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW PO  
Box 99947  
Lakewood, WA, 98499

# Events

---

**JAN 17 Funeral Service 01:00PM**

---

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

# Comments

---



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Patti** - January 16 at 11:05 AM

---



“ I've been friends with her daughter Patti since 3rd grade. Through the years, at birthday parties and slumber parties, Mrs. Foss was always a welcoming mom/hostess. She seemed to have just that extra spark of mischievousness and rays of sunshine that always made for fun parties. Organizing scavenger hunts or cooking breakfast for a gaggle of silly girls - she was ever patient and joyful! Laughter and a beautiful smile - those are probably my most outstanding memories of this Godly woman.

**Becci Berry** - January 13 at 12:46 AM

---



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol A. Foss.



January 12 at 03:10 PM

---



“ Patti and I have been best friends since we were 10, so I had frequent overnight visits at the Foss residence. Carol made me feel welcome, I loved staying there. I wasn't comfortable calling her by her first name, Mrs. Foss was too formal so we agreed I could call her mom. It was natural and fitting she was my second mom. The first time I tried Top Ramen noodles was at one of Patti's birthday parties that Carol prepared. It was one of the best dishes I tasted, but has never been quit as good as when Carol made it. The same with Pattis' favorite birthday cake, she would poke holes and added jello. My attempt at making her cake failed, so I looked forward to enjoying it at Pattis' birthdays. She made a salad with her homemade thousand island dressing "Mom, what is the recipe it is so good!" Carol replied "it's just mayonnaise and ketchup!" Again, it did not taste the same when I made it. Either

I am a really bad cook or it was Carol's added special touch of love.

Nursing was definitely Carols' occupational calling. While getting ready for the day at their house, I accidentally sprayed hair spray directly in my eye, it didn't matter how much water I would flush, I couldn't rinse the sticky stuff from my eyeball. Concerned and loving Carol, laid me down on the couch, her hands caressing my head as if I had been seriously injured. It was minor and a trip to the eye doctor was easily treated, but I felt comfort from her. Being a nurse she taught me that a full shower isn't always needed but a P.T.A. (you will have to ask a nurse what that stands for) is sufficient. She is right, somedays a P.T.A. is all you need.

I appreciated and enjoyed the many trips with the Foss family. Found my designated seat in their red station wagon and off we would go to either a week at the Warm Beach Bible conference, a few days in Spokane for the Basketball tournament, or just a day trip. Wherever we went Carol made it fun!

Carol is known for her impeccable musical talent. I was blessed to have her play the piano with Sharon and my cousin Kim on their flutes perform her rendition of "Holy, holy, holy!" It was beautiful!

Carol aka "mom" will be truly missed most by her children whom she adored, but also by those who loved her!!

Cindy (Kamstra) Tucker.

**Cindy Tucker** - January 11 at 12:37 PM



“ I forgot to add that Holy, holy, holy was performed at my wedding!

**Cindy Tucker** - January 11 at 12:56 PM



“ I remember her explaining to my mother (her older sister) what a PTA was and my mother getting a chuckle out of it.

**laurie munneke** - January 11 at 09:14 PM



“ Also, she played the organ at my wedding and Aunt Ruth sang a solo.

**laurie munneke** - January 11 at 09:16 PM



“ I loved Mrs. Foss! I could never bring myself to call her Carol even though she gave me permission. I finally did and it felt wrong. She was a wonderful friend and a great bell director. We had some wonderful times in bell choir with her at the helm. I loved playing under her direction. I was so happy she could join us on my 43 rd birthday trip to Hawaii. She was so relaxed and had such a fun time after struggling with some health issues. You will be missed Mrs. Foss. If I know you, you have heavenly bell choir under your direction! See you soon. Here is a picture of her on our Hawaii trip





“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



laurie munneke - January 10 at 10:49 AM

---



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



laurie munneke - January 10 at 10:47 AM

---



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



laurie munneke - January 10 at 10:45 AM

---



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



laurie munneke - January 10 at 10:42 AM