



Miss Carol Warnica

June 6, 2020

Carol Anne Warnica March 23, 1955-June 6, 2020.

With broken hearts and beautiful memories we announce Carol's passing. She was a scientist turned artist, trombone player, teacher, leader and friend; daughter, sister, cousin and aunt. Always sharing her time, skills and knowledge and caring deeply for others. She went to the next stage of her journey with faithfulness and courage. She assured us that she was at peace because of her faith.

Her opportunities to serve, learn, teach and play were worldwide. She was inspirational in the lives of many. She had a special love for those she worked with in South Africa and taught locally in her science classes. The Simcoe County Band was like extended family. A solid foundation in the lives of her family – parents Margaret (Ness), late Murray, twin sister Cathy Edgar (David), brother Glen (Cherryl), niece Kate Holmes (Matt), nephews Jake Edgar (Melia), Rhett, Mitchell, Daniel and Landon Warnica, and dear great nephew Nathan Holmes who arrived on her 65th birthday and made her a proud 'Grand Aunt.'

Comments



“ What a great pleasure to have shared a prep room at Central Collegiate with Carol for many years. I saw first hand what an excellent teacher she was: efficient, quiet and effective.

When a colleague and I were stuck on a theological/moral issue, we would search for the expert: Carol. We were met by her laugh that implied "Haven't you guys anything better to do?"

Carol left part of her heart in South Africa where she helped 'on the ground' with the Aids epidemic. She made many friends there but if you wanted to know about quiet Carol's experiences, you would have to ask.

If not busy at school, Carol would join us for Friday lunch. After she retired and when her back permitted, we enjoyed Blue Mountain hikes and dinners at our homes. It was here that I got to know her better, sharing laughter and stories.

Good memories remain that remind me to enjoy our times together while we can.

Don Stephen

Don Stephen - July 05 at 03:06 PM



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Danielle Lamarche/Mackley - June 18 at 01:09 PM



“ My most sincere condolences to you Marg, Cathy, Glen and the whole Warnica family. I have fond memories of Carol in my classes at Barrie Central. Her kindness will always be with me. I was blessed to have known her.



Patricia Elliott - June 15 at 01:52 PM



“ Carol - I wish I had not lost touch with you after Central days. Always a smile. Always sincere and compassionate. Always an honest friend. RIP my dear. And to Marg, Cathy and Glen, much love and sadness. You are in my thoughts Jim

Jim Parker - June 15 at 01:50 AM



“ Carol was such a gentle and generous person. We remember stories of her taking the Warnica boys each on their camping trips every summer and enjoyed sharing meals with her now and then and hearing about her annual trips to Africa. I know she will be missed and our family's thoughts are with the Warnica tribe.

Trudy Irvine - June 14 at 08:12 AM



“ Carol and I were teachers together at Barrie Central. This is a picture of us at the celebration in Central's final year. I always enjoyed her warmth, compassion, and humour. When I spent seven months at home recovering from brain surgery, Carol took it upon herself to visit me regularly and I always enjoyed the discussions we had! Thank you Carol!

Marilyn Murray



Marilyn Murray - June 13 at 09:35 PM



“ Sincere condolences from Chris and Eric and the vW family to the Warnica family. So sorry for your loss. We never met Carol but so many of the memories shared here are a clear indication that Carol was a very special person who touched many people in a memorable way. Our thoughts are with you!

Eric van Wesenbeeck - June 13 at 08:59 PM



“ I will always remember Carol Warnica for her quick-witted sense of humour, her kindness and her encouragement. I had the pleasure of having her as my teacher for chemistry at Barrie Central Collegiate, all the way to OAC Chemistry. In that classroom, Miss Warnica taught us that science is not only essential- but also fun. She was encouraging, whimsical and creative. My deepest condolences to her family.

Michelle Righetti - June 13 at 02:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. Miss Warniac was also upbeat and encouraging. I knew her through the Christian Club at school.

Kwang Pak - June 14 at 09:22 PM



“ Carol (“Miss Warnica”) is someone whose encouragement and inspiration while I was in high school I will never forget! She was my go-to person for everything “Honours”. I was so lit up by her infectious passion for educating and as I begin my teaching career this fall after a circuitous route as a professional opera singer, print fashion model, lawyer, life insurance agent, and entrepreneur, I remember her fondly. She always encouraged me to pursue my interests in all areas of my education which has evidently stick with me all these years. Thank you for everything and for truly making the most of your life, you beautiful soul! And for your friends and family who may be reading this, know that Carol’s passion is alive and well in all of us, her former students. Thank you for sharing her with us. With much love, gratitude, honour, and admiration, ~ Sincerely, Patrick Jang

Patrick Jang - June 13 at 12:20 PM



“ Carol is in the arms of Jesus.
Sorry to the family and friends fir the loss you are feeling.
We conected at church over the years and shared travelling experiences. Carol was a blessing in my life. Cheryl

Cheryl Chekroun - June 13 at 12:19 PM



“ It is always so sad to say the final goodbye to the special people in our lives. Carol will always occupy a huge corner of my heart for the 34 years she shared her specialness with me. Her generous spirit, her love of life, her deep caring of her friends, playing music with her and all the laughs we had on games days...she was a true gift in my life and to all who knew her. My heart goes out to all Carol’s family. May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort at this sad time. Carol, I so admire you for your courage throughout your illness and know you have found

peace. May heaven hear your laughter and sweet tones of your trombone for an eternity. I will miss you forever.

Lynn Murray

Lynn Murray - June 12 at 10:59 PM



“ I’m so saddened to hear of Carols passing. Sending my sincere condolences to Glenn and Cheryl and family. I have too many wonderful memories with Carol to share but will always miss her warmth and smile and gentle spirit. And her home she shared with me and so many friends for bible study every week for years. Carols passion and faith and silly sense of humour is missed. I met my late husband Jack in Carols home. Carol will Always in our hearts.

Heather Kenehan - June 12 at 10:10 PM



“ I have fond memories of throwing a softball in the parking lot at Barrie Central Collegiate with Carol. My aim was treacherous and she always saved me from destroying our colleagues’ vehicles. She was a truly gentle and compassionate soul with a good sense of humour. My heart-felt condolences to Carol’s family.

Lisa Perry - June 12 at 04:27 PM



“ Deepest condolences Marg and family. Not just was I a student of Carol's but had an opportunity to work for her doing renovations around her home. Carol was a wonderful and caring person, always greeted you with a smile regardless of how she might be feeling and you never left without a story of a past adventure.

Mike - June 12 at 09:17 AM



“ For 11 years I sat beside Carol every week in the trombone section of the Simcoe County Concert Band. Not only was she a wonderful player, we forged a friendship that meant a great deal to me - and we had a lot fun as well. As anyone who ever met Carol knows, she was a very special individual. So kind; so gracious; so friendly; and ever so caring of others. My condolences go out to the entire Warnica family, and in particular to Marg who will miss Carol terribly. The world is a poorer place with her passing, and I will miss her.
Bob Brethour

Bob Brethour - June 11 at 03:37 PM



“ Deepest condolences. I enjoyed working alongside Carol. I enjoyed meeting her and following up on here news, from time to time -- when she joined us for Bradford lunches. Always something interesting to share with us. Now that ends -- and we'll all be a bit deficient in inspiration. So sad for Carol's family and all her friends and associates

Pete Walpole.

Peter Walpole - June 11 at 10:35 AM



“ Sooo sorry to hear about the passing of a great person. Wishing the family my deepest sympathies. Dawn Elliott

Dawn Elliott - June 10 at 05:46 PM



“ Sending my condolences to Carol's family & close friends. Carol was such a passionate, caring person who always had a smile on her face. Carol never hesitated to share her artistic, musical and passionate experiences. We'll always remember the weekly notes she sent to us while she was in Africa, sharing and explaining her interactions with all the young people she was meeting and working with there. Carol's positive influence continued when she returned to Bradford as a teacher and coach, encouraging everyone to do their best. She will certainly be missed. Rest in peace Carol.

Bonnie Glover - June 10 at 04:31 PM



“ My condolences to Carol's Family. I first met Carol, Cathy, and Glen in the 1970s. Carol and Cathy were in my one-year Grade 12 Typing class at Barrie Central. Occasionally they would change seats, but I had no idea because it was difficult to tell them apart. We then reconnected as colleagues at Bradford District High School. She was a very kind and compassionate person. May she Rest In Peace.
Ann (Westra) Bennington

Ann (Westra) Bennington - June 10 at 12:44 PM



“ My heart goes out to the entire Warnica family at this time. Marg and Murray were wonderful neighbours to my late husband and I for many years. Through them we got to know the rest of the family. Carol was always there and took good care of her Momma after Murray passed. My sons Robin and Alex have fond memories as well and send their condolences. Carol was Robin's Chemistry teacher. Rest In Peace Carol..... you are in fine company.
Judith Hamill

Judith Hamill - June 10 at 10:47 AM



“ Sending condolences to Marg, Cathy and David, Glen and Cherryl and all of the family. Carol and I shared a wonderful friendship. Great memories include participating in Bible Study groups, visiting her in South Africa and travelling together in California. Carol was encouraging, supportive and ready for adventure. One of Carol's Grandmas told her to try to leave a place better than you found it. Carol did just that. Wherever she went, she left places and hearts better for having known her. I miss Carol greatly...until we meet again.

Nancy Thompson - June 10 at 06:18 AM



“ My condolences to Carol's family. I was a student of Miss Warnica's at Bradford District High School in the late 70's/ early 80's. I remember her as a compassionate, engaged chemistry teacher. She showed me that women can be scientists at a time when most (all?) of the science teachers at BDHS were men. Carol was also a fantastic volleyball coach who taught us more than just volleyball. She taught sportsmanship, confidence and how to have fun. She was a wonderful mentor.

Karen Bardecki - June 09 at 09:46 PM



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Dave Scott - June 09 at 09:42 PM



“ I would like to send condolences to Carol’s family. Carol has always been a part of our family as she was a very good friend of my sister Sue. I will miss her kindness and thoughtfulness. She took the time after her visit to Africa to bring her “gum boots” down on a visit to Windsor to show my young children at the time how to do the “gum boot” dance and during a hot summer time visit to Barrie brought over everything to show them how to make ice cream. These were such acts of love that might not seem like a lot to her but meant the world to my children and myself. She always had the right thing to say to whoever needed a few words of encouragement and just always gave so much love to everyone. Rest In Peace, Carol. We will miss you so much

Cheryl Lauzon - June 09 at 05:12 PM



“ My deepest condolences and prayers to Carol's Family. Carol was a wonderful friend and member of the Simcoe County Band and I will miss her. She brought music, warmth and kindness to every rehearsal and function. I looked forward to seeing, hearing and speaking with her at every meeting. I am enriched and honoured to have been a friend and fellow musician. I know she will grace her new position in Heaven.
In Harmony
John Myers.

John Myers - June 09 at 04:01 PM



“ So very sad to hear about Carol. My sincerest condolences to Cathy. Losing a twin will be difficult. My sympathy to Marg and the family. I will remember the great times we had together. She was a great friend

Sandy McInnis - June 09 at 03:31 PM



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Barbara Hutchinson - June 09 at 01:17 PM



“ A wedding shower get together with Barrie high school chums... long after we had all traipsed off to university and starting our careers. Love you lots dear chums <3

Barbara Hutchinson - June 09 at 01:19 PM



“ Carol was a wonderful long time Member of our Simcoe County Band Family of Musicians. She will be greatly missed! Our heartfelt thoughts and condolences goes out to Carol's Family. members. This message is written on behalf of ALL our Simcoe County Band Members sent by Ron McKay, the Band Manager.

Ron McKay - June 09 at 03:11 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Carol's family and friends. Her beautiful gentle soul shall be greatly missed! Carol and her family have always had a special place in my heart after they so readily opened their hearts and home to the 'new kid' in school when I moved to Barrie. I treasure the trips to the cottage, the games of catch, band, youth gatherings and just hanging out with our group of friends. Distance came between us after school but we reconnected and the last few years have kept in touch by email and cards throughout the year. I was greatly saddened when I received her email saying goodbye as she told me that her health issues had returned. She knew that it was time yet she didn't complain or wasn't sad. She was truly at peace! I know that I will no longer hear from her, hear her little chuckle or see her smile, but I know that she is in a better place and out of pain. We will meet again some day and I know she is warming up the brass section in Heaven. All my love to Cathy, Glenn and Marg.

Colleen Robertson (Young)

Colleen Robertson - June 09 at 11:58 AM



“ I just met Carol through Collier's refugee committee about 8 years ago but it felt like a long time friendship. She was such a caring person & so generous with her time on different committees.. it was an honour to work with her. She was so good with our family from Syria sharing Christmas dinner with them & her extended family.. I learned so much from Carol . She was always so positive, a great listener, patient & always ready for fun. I will miss her . Ann Elliott..

ann elliott - June 09 at 11:23 AM



“ Such sad tidings as I send my love to Marg, Cathy, Glenn and families. We shared some great times in a life filled with family, adventures and giving to others. I remember... helping Murray put up the ceiling in the brand new cottage on Bella, water skiing the course on the lake endlessly, heli-skiing out west, painting 40 porches at a summer camp with the original 3-gals painting Co, winter camping in a snow fort... and on and on. Mostly what I remember is love and laughter, sharing and giving. My heart grieves with you all.

Barb Hutchinson

Barbara Hutchinson - June 08 at 06:55 PM



“ Carol was a part of a small group bible study that we had in our home for many years. We spent one night together every week and so this group of people became like family. (The photo below is a reunion our small group had at Carols home) Even after we moved away from Barrie, Carol and I kept in touch. I've been praying for a miracle for Carol these last few months. She had such grace and wisdom and didn't like to talk about herself but always asked about me and my family.

Her faith was strong and the last few weeks were very special. As I was trying to be strong for her she was heaping compliments on me and telling me how much our small group meant to her. That was Carol.

Her last request to me was to send her my favorite verses about heaven. What a fantastic task. I did my best to send her all of the verses that I could find.

Thinking so much about heaven my heart is broken and I cry many tears for all of us who love Carol so much, but I know that she has just changed addresses. She is now in her Father's house, where the streets are gold and she is playing music with the angels. (which she loved to do)

Philippians 3:20-21 "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

I send my condolences to Carol's family. I look forward to sharing eternity with Carol.
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Sherry Mena - June 08 at 05:15 PM



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Cath - June 08 at 03:00 PM



“ Art group on wine tasting, with Mary Moore, Mary Van Essen, Cathy Volpe, Lynda Giles, And Carol Warnica

Cath - June 08 at 03:02 PM



“ One of the nicest person I have ever known.
Such a bright light.
Thank you for being a part of my life as an artist, student and all around good friend!
You will be missed!
Lynda Giles Wells

Lynda Giles Wells - June 08 at 12:00 PM



“ I was so shocked to hear about Carol as I had not seen her for a few years. I visited her twice when she was in South Africa. It was among the most moving experiences I have ever had. She took me everywhere and I learned so much. We also had some great laughs. I will miss her.
Please let us know if there will be a memorial later.
Mary Anna Beer. Newmarket

Mary Anna Beer - June 08 at 11:41 AM



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Cathy Volpe - June 08 at 11:31 AM



“ I knew carol for about 10 years. We met in art class. I was always fond of her sweet natured and positive personality. We would sometimes spend time painting together making cards and having tea. I will miss our time together. She will be missed. Cathy Volpe

Cathy Volpe - June 08 at 11:24 AM



“ I wrote a column in the Advance about Carol and her work in South Africa and I've used that column several times to demonstrate the Power of One. Subsequently (unsuccessfully) I nominated Carol for an Order of Ontario. Without an obituary we have no details about how or why she died, but what an incredibly remarkable woman. I carry her in my heart, always.

<https://www.donnadouglas.com/columns/barrie-advance/carol-lives-easters-goodness-all-year-long.html>

is the link to my column. It sums up a critical time--18 years--of Carol's life!

Donna Douglas, Barrie, ON

Donna Douglas - June 08 at 11:16 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Carol's passing. I met Carol when we were launching the Grandmother's campaign in 2007. Carol spoke at the launch of our Barrie group and got us going. We have kept in touch since then. Carol was a light to all of us and although we did not meet often ...I always felt better after seeing her. I will try and live up to Carol's example of kindness and compassion

and send my heartfelt condolences to her family. Thank you for sharing her with us.

JoAnne O'Shea

JoAnne O'Shea - June 08 at 10:40 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. We used to sit on your front porch of your farmhouse on Coxmill Rd. ,copying and drawing characters from comic books.

Carla Dees - June 07 at 09:34 PM