



Fay Carolyn Ritea

June 12, 1940 - August 18, 2020

Fay Carolyn Ritea passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, in Aldie, VA. She was 80.

Born in 1940 in Southfield, MI to Roy and Florence Wilcoxon, she would later relocate to Miami, FL and Sacramento, CA in her younger years, working a variety of jobs after high school. At one point, she was even fired from a waitressing job by her own mother, who managed a restaurant, for handing a customer toast rather than putting it on a plate.

By 1967, she had moved to Los Angeles, CA with her younger sister, Patricia, where their mother was managing an apartment building. After her mother encouraged her to invite a young man downstairs studying at nearby UCLA to Christmas dinner, only to later learn he was Jewish, she and Howard Barry Ritea would get married shortly after.

They had two children, Steven and David, living in Los Angeles and San Diego for many years. Fay, who went by Carol, would always stress the importance of positive thinking to her children and also encouraged her family to explore their community and participate in local events, some of which caused them to groan but many of which brought joy to her family. She worked as a real estate agent for much of the 1980s, helping families find new homes.

In 1997, the family relocated to Ashburn, VA, where Carol lived the remainder of her years, including working at Leesburg Premium Outlets.

Even after losing her husband to cancer in 2003, she remained highly active in the local community, participating in book clubs, civic groups, local classes and game nights with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Barry Ritea; and two sisters, Joan and Patricia of Florida. She is survived by two sons, Steven of Los Angeles along with his wife Alisa, and David of Ashburn; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Burial will be private at King David Memorial Gardens in Falls Church, VA and a memorial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Capital Caring Health Philanthropy, 3180 Fairview Park Drive, Headquarters/Suite 500, Falls Church, VA 22042.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fay Carolyn Ritea*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Not all of Carol's Ashburn friends are comfortable with the internet, so you won't see their comments here. I'll boldly speak for those in our book club, her senior friends who loved choosing and sharing books for many years. We knew when Carol hosted a meeting, refreshments would be generous, delicious, and probably from Wegman's- a favorite store of her and David's. A daily reader of the Washington Post, Carol's excellent memory and intelligence always contributed so much to the great political discussions we also shared. It's true that only the good die young. Carol died before the time we would have chosen, not young in years, but surely young at heart. Know that we'll miss you, dear Carol, and know that someday, we'll meet again, where there are no more tears or pain. Scripture says that God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. That's my prayer as we remember Carol and celebrate her life.*

Sheila Cornish - September 03, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *We're so thankful Carol was made family by her son marrying our daughter. She was thoughtful and kind. I enjoyed our conversations on the phone that would sometimes last over 2 hours. She will be deeply missed but we're glad we had the chance to know her.*



Annette Trout - August 26, 2020 at 01:53 PM