



Carol B. Boehringer

June 9, 1931 - May 6, 2014

Carol Louise Ballagh Boehringer, 82, of Wynnewood, PA died on May 6, 2014 at Lankenau Hospital of cancer.

Carol was born on June 9, 1931 in Buenos Aires, Argentina to the late Vera Reed Ballagh and the late Thomas C. Ballagh, who was working for the U.S. Embassy in Argentina at the time. They returned to the United States when Carol was three years old. She grew up in Cynwyd, PA and graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1949.

Carol attended Cornell University, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1953. She was actively involved in Greek life at Cornell where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Carol met her future husband, the late John Randall Boehringer, while at Cornell. They were married on September 12, 1953. She was the perfect partner for her husband crewing in Comet races and serving as his co-pilot and navigator in Gemini, their Piper Twin Commanche. Jack and Carol were approaching 60 years of marriage at the time of his death last year. When her children were young, Carol joined the workforce at the start of the era when housewives were looking to have careers outside of the home. In 1965, she went to work as a bookkeeper for John Mauchly, the co-inventor of ENIAC, the first general purpose electronic digital computer and UNIVAC, the first commercial computer made in the United States. In her next job, she received security clearance to work on radar systems for the military, but never shared more information as to the nature of that job. Ultimately, she co-founded two companies with her husband: Boehringer Associates, a management consulting firm, and Boehringer Laboratories, Inc., a biomedical engineering firm. She served as the treasurer for both firms. She remained actively involved on the Board of Directors of Boehringer Laboratories, Inc. through December 2013.

Carol was an ardent Phillies fan. Her love of the team started during the summer of 1948 when Richie Ashburn's parents rented the house next door to Carol's home on Pembroke Road in Cynwyd. A number of the Whiz Kids moved into that house including Robin Roberts, Curt Simmons, Charlie Bicknell, Jack Mayo and Richie Ashburn. On their off-days, the Whiz Kids would come over to

17-year old Carol's house to play cards. She said Robin Roberts liked to "shoot the moon" in the game of Hearts.

Carol served as a volunteer for over 20 years for The Hamper Shop, a consignment shop in Narberth that benefits Lankenau Hospital. She also was an active member in the Lower Merion Reunion/Alumni Committee. In her free time, she liked to garden, feed birds, play cards, play Scrabble and solve crossword puzzles.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Barbara McConnell of Malvern, PA, her son, Robert D. of Stamford, CT, her son-in-law Lee, her daughter-in-law Deborah, and grandchildren Brad, Christine, Mark, Reed and Gillian.

A Memorial Service will be held at Narberth Presbyterian Church on June 7th at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Narberth Presbyterian Church, 205 Grayling Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072 or to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Events

JUN Memorial Service

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Narberth Presbyterian Church

205 Grayling Avenue, Narbeth, PA, US, 19072

Comments



“ A classy woman, a great co-pilot for so many years for Jack. She was the ice to Jack's fire. A Great Mother. She never forget the oranges at halftime of a single lacrosse or soccer game. She will be missed. Mark Goldstone

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