



# Dr. Carol Josselyn

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**D**r. Carol Josselyn passed away peacefully on August 30, 2019 at her home in Belmont, CA after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Carol was born in Alhambra, CA and raised in South Pasadena until the family moved to Eagle Rock where she attended Eagle Rock Junior and Senior High Schools, graduating in 1966. After graduation, Carol attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland for a year before returning to Los Angeles and completing her undergraduate work in Theater at Occidental College in 1971. This was followed by a master's degree from the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, in 1973. Carol then moved to Seattle to attend the University of Washington (UW) and begin work on her PhD. She spent a year in Ashland Oregon, in between graduate work, teaching at Southern Oregon State College before returning to Seattle to complete her Dissertation (on Noh Theater) and receiving her PhD in Speech Communication from the UW in 1981. After her PhD Carol took a position as Ombudsman's at the University of Washington for several years, but the call to the classroom and teaching soon led her to accept a faculty position in 1988 in the Speech Communication Department at Foothill College in Mountain View, CA. Carol was a popular professor who inspired and befriended many both in school and in life. She became a tenured faculty member in 1992 and taught for 30 years at Foothill before retiring in 2018. Carol loved her career and teaching, including her colleagues who are near and dear to her. Carol was an independent thinker, both intelligent and generous, who showed amazing courage in the face of physical adversity that was truly inspirational. Her love for travel and adventure led Carol many places over the course of her life but it was her love of the ocean and being at the beach that was unsurpassed and her most cherished destination. Carol is survived by her brothers David and Thomas and her devoted friend and caregiver Roger. Memorial service is September 18, 2019 at 11 am



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at Skylawn Funeral Home in San Mateo. In lieu of flowers please give to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.



## Tribute Wall

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**Adam** posted:

I just found out about her passing. I met Carol in a public speaking course in 2011, and I volunteered to help with her course in E-Tudes. However, what seemed as a voluntary position turned into a part-time role as we worked together on other courses as I became her Teacher's Assistant. Because of the opportunity to work for Carol and on her courses, I became inspired to go into the field of instructional design. I enrolled in a Master's program, and I continued part-time work with Carol. Then, in my second year at the Master's program, Carol invited me to work on getting her textbook and workbook published on Amazon Kindle. I co-edited the book with her caretaker, Roger. The book and textbook were completed in 2013. After graduating, I continued to help from time to time on courses and other projects for Carol until early 2017. Carol was very thoughtful, and she loved Sophia, Roger, her caretaker, and the adventure life had to offer. She was very much a fan of the Beatles, too. Her favorite color was purple, and she would tell me about her visits to Oregon in the summer among the Redwoods, or along the beaches of the Bay Area. She was also very spirited and loved to decorate for the holidays, and also loved to chat around a cup of tea and some almonds. Carol also enjoyed her plants and was always up-to-date on Bay Area sports teams, and on what was happening in the Olympics. One time she told me that she used to sing and play an instrument- I think it was guitar. I felt that the field of communications to Carol wasn't just a job, but a mission to strengthen and sharpen communication skills with all of her students regardless of age or gender. During the time I spent her, she taught a variety of communications courses including multi-cultural communication, public speaking courses (different levels), and even Gender Communication. A quote for Carol in memory: "...We all shine on, like the moon, and stars, and the sun." – John Lennon Rest peacefully, Carol. Her books are: Textbook : "How to Communicate Effectively in Groups: 3rd Edition (2013)": <https://www.amazon.com/How-Communicate-Effectively-Groups-2013-ebook/dp/B00GFHJTKY/> Workbook : "How to Communicate Effectively in Groups: 3rd Edition (2013)": <https://www.amazon.com/How-Communicate-Effectively-Groups-Workbook-ebook/dp/B00GF18UOE/>

December 3 at 12:24 PM

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**Piera** posted:

I just found out that you are resting in peace hoping hearing the beautiful ocean. You were very special to me, always told me I was a great mom and great friend. Rest you will be missed

October 9 at 3:30 PM



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**Jana Hartwell, Cpo** posted:

I first met Carol at Foothill College, in 1992, I believe. She was my Speech/ Communications professor. Recognizing my knack for verbal expression, she convinced me to switch my major from Business to Speech/ Communications. After graduation, Carol and I became good friends. In 1998, when I began my professional organizing business, Carol became one of my first clients! After I moved to San Diego, Carol occasionally visited me when in town to visit her brother, Tom. I sometimes flew to San Bruno to organize her garage or other areas of her home when she felt overwhelmed. Carol was always very appreciative of my help and made sure I knew it. She also was very interested in hearing about my life so asked many sincere questions. I appreciated this about her. Carol also loved laughing. Since I love being funny and silly, she laughed quite a bit with me. Carol was sometimes stubborn and impatient — she often would not say “no” for an answer if she wanted something badly enough. She was not afraid to make waves. I respected this about her. But Carol’s kindness and generosity far outweighed her inability to take “no” or “not now” for an answer. If she believed in your cause, she would want to help. We enjoyed a very long friendship and professional relationship for over 25 years. Even up until a few weeks ago, when one of my cats died, she was letting me know she cared for me via Facebook posts. When Roger let me know she had begun hospice, I began making plans to fly up for a “goodbye” visit. But God and Carol had other plans, because I didn’t make it up in time to give her some gentle hugs or hold her hand. I now talk with her telepathically as I believe her spirit lives on and communicates with me; with each of us. She is now free and at peace. California Dreamin’. Rest in that peace, Carol. I miss you!

September 6 at 1:31 PM



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