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Carol Welsh, age 73, of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Carol was born on December 16, 1950, in Vineland, NJ, the daughter of the late Wolfgang and Eva (Berwin) Neisser. Carol grew up in Vineland, where she was a focused student and member of the Fighting Poultry Clan marching band.

Carol graduated from Vineland High School in 1969 and spent her college years in Philadelphia at Drexel University with high school classmate and best friend, the late Mia (Berlinsky) Cyter. Carol and Mia explored the city, and Carol began a lifelong pursuit of education. She would get her bachelor's and master's degrees from Drexel University and later added an Ed. D. from the University of Delaware. After graduation, Carol worked as an accountant for a large CPA firm in Philadelphia and later as head of cost accounting at Sun Ship in Chester, Pennsylvania, where she met her future husband, the late Richard "Hal" Welsh.

Hal and Carol married in 1976 and were together for 43 years until Hal passed in 2020. Hal and Carol bought their first home in Wenonah, New Jersey, where they welcomed their first child, Rich, and then a second boy, Steve. She was active in the community and an advocate for education. Carol served on the local school board and was often an organizer of summer camps and school trips. With her friends, in 1985, Carol founded the Richwood Preschool in Ewan, New Jersey, which still operates.

Along the way, Carol decided that she wanted to pursue a career in higher education and worked as an instructor, full-professor, and chair of the accounting and finance department at Rowan University. As a first-generation American, she was passionate about education and understood its power to uplift people. Carol retired from Rowan after 35 years in public education, but she stayed in touch with her colleagues and friends on social media and loved hearing from her students.



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Carol loved cooking, reading, gardening, and watching British comedies on PBS and all The Big Bang Theory episodes. She was experimental in the kitchen and loved, in her words, 'making a mess.' Carol's creations were unique and tasty, and she was eager to create something new for her family. She was a dedicated and obsessive player of word games and puzzles, which she played with her friends and family, and Carol was always happy to share her Wordle scores by text message.

More than anything, Carol was a loving mother and a compassionate and strong partner for Hal. Carol was a regular at Cape lacrosse and soccer games and had a distinctive way of cheering on her boys when they did something well. She was blessed to be the grandmother of Mack and Rex, whom she loved and adored with all her heart and played with every weekend.

Carol is survived by her sons, Rich (Jennifer) Welsh of Orlando, FL, and Steve (Sloan) Welsh of Lewes, DE; her beloved grandchildren, Mack and Rex; her brother, Mark (Penny) Neisser of Margate, NJ; her nephew, Matthew (Roxanna) Neisser of Jupiter, FL; as well as many cousins in the US and South America.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Carol's memory to Sussex County Habitat of Humanity, Improving Lives Affected by Cancer/The HEADstrong Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

Please sign the virtual guestbook locate on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMNETS BY 8:00 AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, March 11, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Memorial Service

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AG

Amy Gurowitz posted:

I met Carol for years ago and saw her almost every week since then. We started zooming with 4 others women (6 of us in total) before the pandemic. We were early adopters of what became commonplace and we felt cool. 😊 We met as members of The MS Gym- an online PT program for people with MS- though we became much more than that. Every week we talked about our challenges living with MS- but we also shared stories of our family and every day happenings. Carol brought something so special to the group sharing the joy of her grandsons and support of her sons. I remember her talking about how Mack and Rex being so sweet about her assistive devices and how they loved helping "Grammy". She gave us regular updates and sent pictures- what absolute joy they brought to her life. She told us about meeting Hal - she was the only woman working in the department and Hal was the man she sat with when there wasn't "space" at the men's table. (At least that's my memory of the story 😊) They always knew Carol was coming but the sounds of her shoes clicking in the hall. She told us the fascinating story of how her parents escaped Eastern Europe during WWII (forgive me if i remember that wrong). She was such an important person in our group - there for advice and encouragement and funny stories. She talked about her cooking experiences and moving around her house with the challenges that only people with MS can relate to. We have never met each other in person (the 6 of us) but we know each other so well and We will miss her at every single zoom. We send our love to her family - we feel like we know all of you too- and want you all to know what an important part of our lives she had become and how much we love and miss her. Amy and Christine, Dianne, Michelle and Kim. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

March 12 at 3:00 PM

SW

Stephanie Weidman posted:

Carol was a wonderful person, friend, educator, and leader. She left an indelible mark at Rowan University, particularly in her leadership of the Department of Accounting & Finance. I will personally miss her very much, and am truly saddened at the news of her passing. I deeply regret that I did not learn of her death until it was too late to attend her memorial service.

March 12 at 9:51 AM

AU

Accounting And Finance, Rowan University posted:

Words cannot express how saddened we are to learn of your loss. Carol was an extraordinary colleague and friend that will be missed by many. She will forever remain in our hearts and memories. The Department of Accounting and Finance sends our deepest condolences.

March 12 at 9:08 AM



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CD

Cindy Depue posted:

Carol was smart, savvy and such a caring person, very proud of her family. Sincere condolences to her loved ones.

March 11 at 6:23 PM

SW

Sincere Condolences, Stephanie Weidman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.



March 11 at 9:23 AM



Anonymous sent an A Full Life to the Welsh family.



March 11 at 9:23 AM

MR

Michelle Rafanelli posted:

Carol was an important part of our weekly MS zoom.meeting. She will be sorely missed.

March 10 at 7:41 PM

KS

Kim Stark posted:

Carol was an integral member of our MS Zoom group. We will greatly miss her.

March 9 at 5:08 PM

LD

Lisa Dickinson posted:

Carol was such a sweet sweet soul. I met her a few years ago when she contacted me for in home hair services. I've been cutting and coloring her hair monthly ever since. I always enjoyed our time together and recently remarked to my husband that Carol is one of my favorite clients. We also enjoyed playing words with friends together online. She canceled her last appointment recently because she was having a bad day. My deepest condolences to her boys and other family members and friends. Carol made the world a better place and I will certainly miss her. ♥

March 9 at 1:40 PM



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Sharon Brittingham posted:

Carol and I were in the same cohort at UD for our doctorates. She was an amazing person.

March 9 at 10:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Welsh family.



March 8 at 6:57 AM



Matt, Roxy, Dylan And Owen Neisser planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.



March 7 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Welsh family.



March 7 at 5:56 PM



Judith Auten posted:

Carol was an amazing person. I am so glad she married my younger Hal. They were so lucky to find each other. I loved the way she loved her boys, Rich, Steve, Mack and Rex. My admiration for her kept growing as she continued to adapt and stay involved despite the worsening of her MS. I will miss her and her brave can-do spirit. Judith Welsh Auten

March 7 at 11:22 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Welsh family.



March 6 at 10:28 AM



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Lindsey Gunn posted:

Carol became my sister-in-law almost 26 years ago. She was so welcoming, kind and funny. I enjoyed time with her and , of course, her beloved husband, Hal. Peace and love to her family.

March 6 at 8:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carol by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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