



## Carol Ann Florendo

October 8, 1946 - August 20, 2018

DANVERS-Carol Ann LePage Florendo passed away suddenly on August 20th, 2018 at the age of 71, after a brief but serious illness. She left this world on a high note, close to her friends and family, who will deeply miss her.

Carol was a lifelong Danvers native, born to Roger (“Joe”) and Kathryn LePage, along with her sisters Susan, Nancy and Mary (Kathy). She was a student at St. James in Salem and, graduated from Bishop Fenwick in 1963. Her lifelong role as caregiver began at the age of sixteen upon the death of her mother. As the eldest in a single-parent household she helped care for her younger sisters.

In the early sixties she spent summers at Hampton Beach, experiencing the freedom and living independently, at the seashore she would come to love. It was here that she met lifelong friends and continued countless adventures sharing life’s journey until her passing.

During the mid-sixties she went on to Lynn Hospital School of Nursing to become a registered nurse. Despite the hard studies and rigorous training she forged unbreakable bonds with her classmates to the end of her days.

Still passionate about her summers, Carol ventured out to Provincetown, where she soaked in the beach and avant garde scene of the 60s. She rented a tiny cottage, where she indulged her passion for art, the ocean and people. It was during one of these summers that she met her future husband Norbert, who travelled from New York city to Provincetown with similar interests. As if deemed by fate, she and Norbert were married on November 29, 1969, after spending two summers of love together.

While Norbert finished college in New York, the newlyweds lived in a six-floor walkup in the Bronx, after which they returned to settle down in Danvers in 1970, where they were blessed with two sons Colin and Christian.

Carol continued her career as an RN, working at area hospitals which included many years at the former J.B. Thomas Hospital in Peabody. Eventually she shifted her focus to

work as a school nurse at Landmark School in Beverly for twenty-six years, where she delighted in providing care and comfort to the “kids,” and forming lifelong relationships with fellow nurses and co-workers. She touched the hearts of students and staff alike. She felt at home applying her lifelong nursing skills both at Landmark, and more recently Governor’s Academy, and continued to do so up until her illness prevented it.

Even while in the hospital herself for her own care, she would instinctively express her nursing and caregiver skills with the medical team and fellow patients.

Carol was blessed with two grandchildren, Samantha and Joseph Florendo, who lovingly referred to her as Grandma. Sam & Joe grew up spending their summer vacations with Grandma and Papa every year at their favorite cottage on Hampton Beach. There Carol shared her love of surf, sand and french fries with them, which they will always hold dear in their hearts. She also loved taking them to Topsfield Fair to ride the Himalaya, soak in the New England charm and eat more french fries. Few things brought as much joy to Carol, as to spend time with them and take them places she loved as a child. She shared and admired Sam's artistic talents and described Joey's always-on, always-positive energy as her "force of life". They will always remember these wonderful places and good times with Grandma.

In addition to family, friends and co-workers, Carol’s love for animals and all things living great or small was true and endearing, and even they delighted in her presence. Carol found great joy in caring for and playing with her grand-dogs, Saffy, Buster and Doodles. Although the consummate caregiver, Carol’s own passion for life, interests and talent inspired her to venture out and expand through art, literature, dance, yoga, theater and nature. She was an avid reader and adult-learner who never ceased exploring the richness of New England and American history, global cultures, Italian and regional cooking and anything she could discover and share that was truly real, meaningful and life-affirming.

Carol made a home for her family that was open to all loved ones and friends, even occasional “new-comers,” making everyone feel welcomed, respected and cared for. The Florendo household was frequently the center for annual gatherings during the holidays. And many were blessed by dropping by to chat and share feelings with Carol, affectionately known by all as “couch-talks.”

For her own “guilty pleasures,” Carol had a passion for music, great food (particularly Maine lobsters) and dancing with friends. She loved the ocean, nature and traveled extensively across the country and around the world, Paris being a particular favorite.

In addition to her husband, Norbert, of 48 years, she is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Colin and Annie Florendo of Marlborough and Christian and Erika Diehl-Marcus of Los Angeles, CA, her grandchildren, Samantha and Joseph Florendo, her sister, Susan and her husband Francis Kilduff of Salisbury, sister Nancy and her husband John Dembowski of Danvers and sister Kathy Baldini of Salem.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM on Monday, August 27, 2018 at Saint Richard Church, 90 Forest St., Danvers. Burial will follow in Annunciation Cemetery, Danvers. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM at C.R. Lyons & Sons, Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations on behalf of the Florendo family to Mass General North Shore Cancer Center, 102 Endicott St., Danvers, MA 01923.

# Cemetery

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## Annunciation Cemetery

151 Hobart St.

Danvers, MA, 01923

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Lyons Funeral Home

28 Elm Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

**AUG** **Funeral Mass** 09:00AM

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Saint Richard Church

90 Forest St., Danvers, MA, US, 01923

# Comments

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“ Norbert, you and your family are in my prayers. So sorry for your loss. May the Angels comfort you at this time. Love you, Manon

**Manon** - August 24, 2018 at 11:53 AM

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Carol

“A Joyous Song”

Carol was our friend, she was also a loving wife to Norbert, mother to Chris and Colin and sister to Nancy, Suzanne and Cathy.

The overriding feeling Carol brought out to me was a peaceful joy in her laid back, calming, reassuring and soothing outlook on life. While we may tend to rush through life, Carol had a wonderful way of slowing things down so they weren't so hectic or complicated.

Over the many years we've been friends, we've shared many good times together. Camping, kayaking, weekends in Vermont, at the beach and the Cape are all wonderful memories spent fully enjoying life with both Carol and Norbert.

In every experience we shared she was the center of peace, comfort and cheer. Her recent struggles were foreign to her and all who loved her, yet in the end she'd begun to overcome them and returned to the Carol we all knew and loved.

God has spared her the pain and suffering she faced and chose to take her quickly.

There is a comfort we can all share knowing she was at home and sharing coffee with Norbert in their living room when God said Come Home

Let's sing a joyous Cowboy song to celebrate her life.

Jack

MY BFF

Carol and I have shared so much of our lives together since we met at Hampton Beach around 1960. Every important event in our lives, the good times and not so good times, we've been there for each other. Although we lived 70 miles apart and for 10 years, a continent apart, we managed to communicate and support each other. Many say we were total opposites, but I beg to differ, as our minds ran along the same lines.

We loved traveling together, whether to the Bluesfest in Maine, the vacation house in Vermont, or to Hampton or Provincetown, where we had spent many summers working. Our biggest adventure was in 1998, when we set off for a month long camping trip across country. Our goal was to visit as many National Parks that we could, and this we did, but, somewhere along the way, we also fell in love with cowboys and country music. It could be because country music was the only choice on the car radio, and out west, rodeos and horse back riding were the priorities for entertainment. In any case, we had a blast and a new appreciation for the beauty in this country.

Carol and I still had many places to go, and I know she will be with me in spirit. I hope to always be close to her family, whom I have gotten to know and love. I'm sure that we'll have many stories to share about our beloved Carol.

Love, Kathy



“ Tamilla lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Florendo



Tamilla - August 23, 2018 at 07:48 PM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Florendo.



August 23, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ Nancy Sister Be Free No More Cancer sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Ann Florendo



Nancy sister be free no more cancer - August 22, 2018 at 04:15 PM

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“ Nancy Sister lit a candle in memory of Carol Ann Florendo



**Nancy sister** - August 22, 2018 at 04:14 PM

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“ my sister was my special shoulder to lean on, always there for me, she has left us way to soon and I will miss her everyday. She never cast any judgement on any one and was always willing to help anyone. I have had so many great times with her and her family and the kids growing up together, vacations, sisters night out, holidays, music, cookouts cook-ins, Hampton beach p-town, weekend blues fests and many more.

Carol you will always be in my heart and soul, not sure how to be without you, so make sure you let me know you are looking in on us.

Love you with all my heart Nancy xo xo xo xo xo xo xo xo

**Nancy sister** - August 22, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ Sending hugs Nancy! So glad that you have so many wonderful memories. Love and deepest sympathy, Linda and Max

**Linda Braley** - August 22, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ Infinite thanks for everything throughout the years ! There are no words to describe the care, love, support and guidance that I received from your family. It has been a honor to have shared so many experiences together. Ken

**Kenneth Dickinson** - August 26, 2018 at 01:40 PM