



Carol Wharton

June 11, 1942 - September 16, 2021

Carol (Franchini) Wharton - Born June 11, 1942 & Died September 16, 2021

After a brief illness, Carol (Franchini) Wharton passed away on September 16, 2021, at the age of 79. She was born and raised in San Anselmo by Catherine & William Franchini, attended Drake High School, and graduated from U. C. Berkeley in 1964, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She is remembered by her sorority sisters as a member of the “Hully Gully Girls” who was so much fun and had a wonderful laugh. Soon after graduating from Cal, she married E. Stanley Wharton. They were married for 26 years and had two children, John and Kelley. Carol and her family lived in various cities, including Flagstaff, AZ, Palatine, IL, and Dallas, TX, eventually returning to the Bay Area and settling in Danville where she lived for many years. She worked for 23 years at the Blackhawk Homeowners Association before retiring to Benicia to be closer to family. Carol was a devoted mother and Nana, and a super loyal Cal football fan and perennial season ticket holder. Carol was a smart, successful woman who made her way in the world in spite of the obstacles that arrived in her life and she did it all with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. She is survived by daughter Kelley Curtis & husband Damon, brother William Franchini & wife Sandy, and twin grandchildren, Joshua & Jacob, whom she absolutely adored.

Carol was preceded in death by her son John and sister Gail. Carol was loved by everyone and will be missed by all who knew her. There will be a memorial vigil for Carol on Friday, October 1st at 7 pm at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia, followed by a funeral mass at St. Dominic's Church in Benicia on Saturday, October 2nd at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Vincent de Paul c/o 475 East I St., Benicia, CA 94510.

Previous Events

Vigil

OCT 1. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Wharton*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Kimberley Hines lit a candle in memory of Carol Wharton*



Kimberley Hines - October 01, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *You will be truly missed Mama Carol. I was truly blessed by your smile, sense of humor and heart felt hugs. Rest in peace. 💜*

Kimberley Hines - October 01, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Hayward Harvey lit a candle in memory of Carol Wharton*



Hayward Harvey - October 01, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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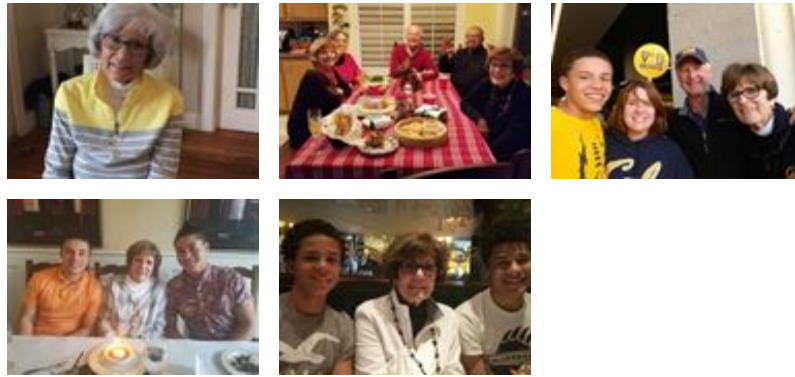
“ Pearl Johns lit a candle in memory of Carol Wharton



Pearl Johns - October 01, 2021 at 05:28 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 25, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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“ Carol was a cherished friend and Tahoe neighbor. She always had a smile and a very infectious laugh. Our last visit with her was in Benicia before the pandemic. Through the years we were kept up to date on her activities by JoAnn Emerzian her long time friend. Her smile and laughter will be missed by her friends and family. We send our love to her family. Mark & Sue Kelemen

Sue & Mark Kelemen - September 21, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carol Wharton.



September 20, 2021 at 12:53 PM