



Carol Hawksley

August 21, 1946 - August 30, 2018

Carol Wittekind Hawksley passed away peacefully on August 30, 2018, after suffering a massive stroke. She suffered the stroke at her home in Hiram, TX, and was flown to Baylor Hospital Stroke Center by helicopter. Carol is survived by her husband, Rick Hawksley.

Born in Long Beach, CA, Carol graduated from Garland High School in 1964. Then she received a double-major Bachelor's degree in Geography and European History from Texas State University, now the University of North Texas in Denton, TX.

Carol taught in Garland and Mesquite High Schools for eight years before entering the fashion industry in sales management with Sassoon, Gucci and Citizen Watches.

Carol met her husband, Rick, during a three day seminar on "Developing One's Own Way of Thinking" on December 20, 1983. She took the seminar to heart and developed her distinctive and unambiguous way of thinking — decisive! Their courtship is an example. Rick wooed her for seven straight days before they were trapped by an ice storm in Addison for three days. Rick fell in love but Carol, realizing Rick was much more than "an arm piece," decided they'd marry on New Year's Eve in 1983, just 10 days after meeting.

Work delayed their honeymoon, but Rick got the use of a dealer furnished GMC mini-van and they were off to a camping trip in the Smoky Mountains. The trip was cut short when Carol revealed she was "afraid of heights."

While she may have been height challenged, Carol stood tall in the fashion world. She was always well turned out, taking great care to carefully select a stunning outfit. She was known for deep-ironed creases in her blue jeans, in fact, she ironed everything! When dressed like a "perky poodle," Carol would enter the room with an emphatic "Ta-da!" She was the master of the dramatic entrance.

All by herself, she started the "Home Improvement" real estate craze. Every house they

moved into received a top to bottom renovation, and need had nothing to do with the renovation decision. The house didn't suite Carol until Carol re-made the house. She became particularly adept at painting when she noticed non-uniform brush strokes. "That ain't happening, I'll paint it myself!"

Besides Rick, Carol loved Schnauzer dogs and Brahman cattle breeding. The Schnauzer population reached 11 on their 50 acre farm home in Hiram (Kaufman County), TX. The veterinarian who treated her dogs introduced her to Brahmans and Carol became a breeder: "that's how the cow eats cabbage." Her first heifer, Twiggi, morphed into a show herd including the 2014 Houston Stock Show Grand Champion, Babette. Carol taught herself to be a "real barn burner" in cattle breeding, breed standards and show judging.

Carol was an adept golfer. Golf pros admired her "wocka wocka" driving technique. She'd tee-up a bunch of balls, then hit one right after another. While golf pros drive for show, Carol put on a driving show. She scored a hole in one at Cedar Creek Country Club on the 2nd hole using a pink ball and was heard to say "Goody, goody bow-wow!" She never played with a pink ball again.

Carol cared enormously about people. She'd move heaven, earth and a "thingmabob" to make good things happen.

Carol was both courageous and selfless. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2013. She endured two complicated surgeries, radiation, many infusions of chemotherapy and five years of near continuous treatment. Rather than complain, she praised her medical team and delivered homemade brownies for office consultations. Carol didn't feel good, but she worked hard to make everyone around her feel good. Carol shrugged off the life threatening nature of her disease. "I've got things to do and doing nothing ain't gonna happen."

While we mourn her passing, we celebrate her life. She was a confident, determined and successful Texas woman whose life is worthy of emulation.

A celebration of life will be held 4:00pm Saturday, September 8, 2018, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location. Please no business attire. The family requests cowboy casual. Boots and jeans are encouraged. As an alternative to flowers, honor her memory by donating to the LUNGeivity Foundation to support lung cancer research. You may use this web address for donations:

<https://lungevity.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=578>

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

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Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - September 06, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ My deepest sympathy on the passing of Carol. I'm so glad I recently had the opportunity to wish her happy B'day on Facebook.

Olivia Banick - September 08, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ I first met Carol about 4 years ago at a gathering of friends one Wednesday evening in Terrell. Carol was very friendly, outgoing, full of life, interesting stories and humor. As time went on I was privileged to know her and her husband RickyBobby more. She had blessed me with great advice and seasoned wisdom when she found out I was facing surgery October 2015 for malignancy of the prostate. She openly encouraged and guided my post surgery radiation at Texas Oncology in Mesquite. She told me and I quote, "don't worry David, it's a piece of cake!" I grew to admire her strength, vitality for life, love, family and friends. Her friends are many; she made friends everywhere she went. I'm saddened now! She will be missed. Carol has been in my thoughts for a long time and will continue to be in my heart today, tomorrow and always ...

David Robert Herald - August 31, 2018 at 08:41 PM