



Carol A. Atkins

September 5, 1957 - August 18, 2021

Carol Atkins, a fun-loving and supportive daughter, sister, friend, and teacher died on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, after a five-year battle with cancer. Carol, 63, of Pattersonville, New York, was born on September 5, 1957, in Charlotte, Michigan. She was the daughter of Warren and Julie (Schafer) Atkins. After graduating from Charlotte High School Carol earned her undergraduate degree from Central Michigan and then a master's degree from the State University of New York at Cortland.

Carol devoted her life to teaching and coaching. She began her career in Schenectady Catholic Schools. She continued in Scotia Glenville Central Schools teaching at both the middle school and at the elementary level. Coaching was a passion for Carol, and while at Scotia Glenville Carol coached softball and volleyball for many years. Carol retired in 2016. Carol was active in the Scotia Glenville Teachers' Association and the New York Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, where Carol was a past president of the Capital Zone. In recent years Carol was also active in her support of Camp Bravehearts, an oncology camp for women. Carol was an avid tennis player. She also enjoyed traveling with family and friends, participating in book and movie clubs, working in her flower garden, listening to music, and most importantly, spending time with family and friends.

Carol is survived by her father, Warren (Ronni) Atkins, siblings Beverly (Will)

Spencer, Gary Atkins, Steve (Carol) Atkins, Jamie ((Angie) Atkins, Tina Atkins, nieces and nephews Gary Atkins, Jr., Annjanette (David) Warren, Jordan Shook, Zackery (Kendra) Shook, Taylor Shook, Conor (Emma) Atkins, Kendyll Atkins, great nieces and nephews, Anslee Atkins, Lillianna Shook, Harper Shook, and Jaxton Warren; and her four-legged companion, Nellie. Carol was predeceased by her mother, Julie Atkins, in 2018.

Memories of Carol may be shared on her Tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service and beginning at 12:00 noon. The funeral will be webcast and can be viewed from any device with internet access by going to www.prayfuneral.com. Click on Carol's tribute, and then click on photos and videos. A memorial service is also being planned for Carol at a later date in New York. The family has suggested that memorial contributions be made to Camp Bravehearts, 19 Cambridge Road, Albany, New York 12203 or Braveheartscamp.org. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Carol A. Atkins



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 28, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MW

Praying for all of you during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤� Meredith Lord-Weathers

meredith weathers - August 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JJ

A perfect service for her. 💜❤️💛💙💚

Julie Madison Jacoby - August 28, 2021 at 02:55 PM

AM

So sorry about Carol! My love to each of you!. Anita

Anita Myers - August 28, 2021 at 02:57 PM

MZ

Memories of her smile, laughter and pushing her glasses up are flooding my mind! My heart just wants to have more memories. Thank you GOD for your wonderful work, our friend Carol!!! Peace and love with Jesus.

Marjie Zielaskowski - August 28, 2021 at 03:00 PM

DC

It was a beautiful service filled with so much love for Carol and all the love she shared with so many people. Carol would have loved the music. My heart is with you all in Michigan today.

Debie Croghan - August 28, 2021 at 06:03 PM

LR

Such a beautiful service for this special angel.

Linda Regina - August 28, 2021 at 07:58 PM

TR

Thank you for this chance to participate in a celebration of Carol's life. She truly was such a genuine person. We were so blessed to know her and have her in our lives. Trish and Randy Roeser

Trish Roeser - August 28, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LF

Thank you for making it possible for me to join you in celebrating Carol's bright and loving spirit at this lovely service. We knew each other through our mutual love of tennis here in Albany NY. I will remember her as a genuinely fun loving and kind person. It was a pleasure knowing her. My sincere condolences to her family and all her friends and loved ones.

Lisa Frazzetta - August 28, 2021 at 09:56 PM

JM

RIP laughing buddy! You were a special woman that meant so much to me. Glad our paths crossed. The world is a nicer place because you were in it. 🙏💜

Jeff Masline - August 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MB

Coach Atkins was truly one of a kind; coach, mentor, friend. Her laugh was infectious and she brought such joy to my life as a high school student. I'm sure she touched MANY more lives than she realized! To her family- my condolences. May your (I'm sure!) many happy memories bring you comfort.

-Megan Wheeler Beauchamp, Scotia Glenville class of 1995

Megan Wheeler Beauchamp - September 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM

LF

I just learned yesterday that she had passed away. My condolences to her family. She was my softball and volleyball coach (SG 1990) and then my daughters volleyball coach (SG 2013).

Lila Friesen-Miles - May 15, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol A. Atkins



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 26, 2021 at 01:44 PM

CH

“ Sorry for this late posting. I and all of my brothers and sisters offer our deep condolences to the entire Atkins family. As the reverend said yesterday she'll always be with us...I've known Carol since I was 4 or so, with our grandparents living 2 doors down from the Atkins on Warren Avenue, she was my classmate, friend and a definite hot shot. She extended herself to have major impact. Achievement, tenacity, focus.

Great athlete with natural talent. I'll always remember Carols mom Julie visiting with my Grandma McDonald on hot days in the summer, a lot like yesterday.

We'll miss you Carol but you'll always be with us.

Craig Holmes

Craig Holmes - August 29, 2021 at 08:28 AM

DF

“ *Dear Atkins Family,
I send my deepest condolences for your loss. Carol was such a
sweetheart and I'll miss her.*

Diane Fortino

diane fortino - August 28, 2021 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ I first met Carol when she came to work at Camp Sloane in Lakeville, CT. She grew up with Mike Beck (my husband) in Charlotte and they both attended Central Michigan University - though he was a couple of years older than she. We have yet to figure out just how many years Carol worked at Sloane - but as with all things Carol did, she made a lasting impression on many, many people. Running the athletics program, overseeing the oldest group of campers-in-leadership-training, helping our international counselors work in a foreign environment, Carol brought her characteristic energy, charisma, joy, humor, dedication, and a touch of naughtiness to all she did. Carol was the kind of friend who it didn't matter how much time had passed between visits or emails or calls - whenever we connected, it was like we had been together the whole time.

We speak for all who knew her at Sloane when we say that our hearts are broken because the world has lost a bright light with her passing. We hang onto the fact that energy cannot be created or destroyed - so hers is flying around us all and will inspire us for many years to come.

Thank you, Carol - for all you gave to us and to so many. We love you and miss you every day.

Love,
Betsy & Mike Beck, on behalf of our family and the many people who love her from Camp Sloane!

Betsy Beck - August 27, 2021 at 10:22 PM

DG

“ God chooses His most beautiful flowers for His garden in Heaven. Carol is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. She is a very caring, compassionate and loving person. Her personality is awesome and you could not help but be attracted to her. She is a friend to all who know her, always there for you with her constant loving heart. Carol is a fighter and never gives up. She is a “Brave Heart”. She lives every second of every moment to its fullest. Right now she probably has a tennis match with an angel. Or maybe she’s tending to the flowers in the gardens of Heaven. She is truly missed by all - her beautiful smile, her dry humor, her unique laugh and her loving soul. She is not suffering anymore. Rest In Peace, Sister.

Debby Gesek

Debby Gesek - August 27, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



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August 26, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



August 26, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 26, 2021 at 01:42 PM

ST

I loved Carol. she was a great friend. She was a beautiful soul. She always laughed at everything I said. She was always smiling. I will forever remember our time traveling together to Florida for Spring break. I will ALWAYS cherish her friendship. My heart goes out to her family. She will be deeply missed by many.

Sheryl Towe - August 28, 2021 at 03:05 PM

BJ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bill & Marcia Johnson - August 26, 2021 at 11:36 AM

BD

“ There are no words my friend to express what you have meant in my life. Whatever joys or struggles I was experiencing, you were always there to listen, give support and join in the celebrations as well! I have never met a person who gave more or so unconditionally to others!

Rest in Peace Carol! I know wherever you are, everyone is laughing and enjoying your company!!!

I would also like to send my deepest condolences to Carol's family. She was a friend to so many but she was yours first. Thank you for sharing her with all of us!

Beth Donovan - August 26, 2021 at 10:55 AM

KF

“ Carol coached me in both softball and volleyball at Scotia-Glenville back in the 80s. I always looked forward to a season with her. She was a great teacher of the sports and could deliver feedback in a way that made you laugh at your mistakes and learn from them. I will never forget her smile and her energy.

Kristin Fletcher - August 25, 2021 at 12:29 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of Carol’s passing. I first met Carol at Bravehearts camp and realized that we lived near each other. We did many Braveheart activities and got together for lunch on a regular basis and even took a walk on the bike path in Pattersonville last fall. I will truly miss her and am so glad I got to see her at the end of July. My condolences to her family. Rest In Peace, Carol.

Susan Munson - August 24, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



August 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



August 24, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ To my dear friend Carol! Thank you for all the fabulous times we shared. The memories I will always hold near and dear. To your family “I love you all! Carol is lucky to have such a great family! Know that I will always miss her:(My condolences to you all. I see her hugging your mom, who I love beyond words. No more suffering my dear friend! Only rest! I love you and will always miss you! 🥹💕
Jo

Mary Jo Barrons - August 24, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. We played tennis together on USTA and at Sport Time in Rotterdam. Even with all her health issues she was always a positive, upbeat person who brought joy to all around her. I was lucky to have known her. Denise Crisci

Denise Linda Crisci - August 24, 2021 at 07:51 AM

LR

“ Carol had a laugh almost as big as her heart. She was a favorite with the kids at Glendaal Elementary, and a friend to her co-workers. Her brave spirit, positive attitude, and zest for life will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Rest in peace, friend. Linda R.

Linda Regina - August 24, 2021 at 05:19 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Always a good friend during our high school years. Rest in peace Carol. 🙏

Tina Stiver - August 23, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ I'm so incredibly sad to hear about Carol's passing. Her laugh was glorious, and her smile could light a room. But what I most remember is how she treated me as an 8th grade young woman when I was in her class. P.E. was a nightmare for me, but she was so supportive and encouraging. She promoted health and progress, and never made me feel like I was a failure, even when I struggled in her class. I'll never forget having to step on the scale for the yearly weigh-in (literally the worst day of the school year for me), and having her smile that beautiful smile and give me words of praise and encouragement. Those are the kinds of little moments shared with students that add up to make a beautiful legacy, and I will be forever grateful that I was not only able to have her as an educator, but also to work beside her as a colleague. May she rest in peace.

Jessica Crisci - August 23, 2021 at 01:19 PM

YB

“ Your neighbors, Eric and Barbe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



Your neighbors, Eric and Barbe - August 23, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BF

“ Carol was not only a good neighbor but a true friend. May she Rest In Peace. We will miss her and that wonderful laugh.

- Barbe and Eric Feidner

Barbara Feidner - August 23, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to learn of Carol's passing. She was a warm, caring colleague and friend.

Jean Rose - August 23, 2021 at 12:47 PM

RC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Carol was a colleague at SG middle school. What I remember most of Carol was that she had a ready, beautiful smile for everyone. She always made you feel welcomed. She is greatly missed.

Regina Cabrera - August 23, 2021 at 09:12 AM

RA

“ Not only did I have the pleasure of having Carol as my softball coach at SG, but she was also my colleague and friend. Over our lunches together in the staff room, she would talk all about her family, as well as her summers in Michigan. I will miss her smile and that incredible laugh! ❤️

Rebecca Ayers - August 22, 2021 at 02:25 PM

FJ

“ Sending love and prayers. Remembering a great visit we had with Carol at a recent Oktoberfest hosted by Sue and Jim. She was a great gal, we will miss her.

Marcia and Bill Johnson

Fenimore W. Johnson - August 21, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.*



August 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Donna, Barb and Brooke purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol A. Atkins.*



Donna, Barb and Brooke - August 21, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Bud, Ronni and family, I am so very sorry for your loss of Carol.*

Diane Hudson

Diane Hudson - August 21, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Capital Zone of NYS AHPERD purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Carol A. Atkins.*



Capital Zone of NYS AHPERD - August 20, 2021 at 10:03 PM

CM

“ I got to spend some quality time with Carol during our last trip to Shelter Island but we really shared a lot and learn about each other during our Braveheart Movie Club nights. I will surely miss her. May her memory be eternal.

Carol Marino - August 20, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



August 20, 2021 at 06:10 PM

TD

“ The Scotia-Glenville PE department purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carol A. Atkins.



The Scotia-Glenville PE department - August 20, 2021 at 03:24 PM

DC

“ Carol was a bright light in so many lives. Her ever present smile, her laugh. She was so much fun to be around! We met at Camp Bravehearts (oncology camp) and enjoyed our time together. She was a regular on the Bravehearts Movie Club and always made us smile. Carol will be missed greatly by many.

Debbie C - August 20, 2021 at 12:38 PM