



Carol Bonavitacola

April 20, 2013

Carol Ann Bonavitacola, 72, of Housatonic Street, died Saturday at her home.

Born in Oakland, Calif., on Oct. 22, 1940, the daughter of Harold and Annette Atkins, she attended UC schools and earned a Bachelor's degree in English.

Carol worked as a social worker, a teacher, cartoonist, and jewelry maker. She created countless watercolor paintings of bright flowers.

In her youth, she was a dancer in shows for Frank Sinatra, and was runner up at Miss California in 1962, winning the talent portion.

She and her husband, Patrick J. Bonavitacola, were married in 1978, and have been together 40 years.

Besides her husband of Lenox, she is survived by two sons, Jeremy Hollister of New York City, and P.J. Bonavitacola of Worcester; and one brother, Michael Atkins of Richmond.

She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Atkins of San Jose, Calif.

Carol was full of life, ready to get in a car and get lost on back roads, or watch another episode of a TV mystery late at night. She loved farm animals,

especially donkeys. She was unassuming, spontaneous, guileless, playful, and immediate. She was inviting, sensitive, and zany. She was a natural mother, full of imagination and coziness.

She will be remembered by many for her laughter, her sense of adventure, and a beauty that persisted even during her illness. Each day she would wake up early, like it was Christmas morning, and excitedly ask, "What do you want to do today?" The gift of each day was not lost on Carol, and her enthusiasm and verve rubbed off on those around her.

FUNERAL NOTICE: The Funeral of Carol Ann Bonavitacola will be Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church in Lenox, immediately followed by a reception in St. Ann's Parish Family Center. There will be no calling hours and a private burial in St. Ann's Cemetery will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please buy a piece of artwork from a local artist, and when you look at it, please remember Carol's smile and beautiful green eyes.