



## Carol Fugate

March 3, 1941 - May 4, 2020

Carol Fugate, age 79, passed away on May 4, 2020, in Gainesville, FL, under the loving care of those at Haven E.T. York Hospice Care Center.

She was born to Berniece and Tom Sobeck on March 3, 1941, in Kenmawr, Pennsylvania. She spent her childhood between Pennsylvania and Lake Mary, FL. Her fondest memories seemed to be those in Florida with many stories about Lake Mary Elementary, her basketball team, and her life-long friends, Nancy, Vesta, Patty, and Gwyn.

After graduating from Kenmawr High School, she returned to Florida where her brother introduced her to the love of her life Bob Fugate. She and Bob were married in 1964 and became parents to their only child, Kim, in 1969. She worked at Lake Mary Elementary School as an assistant in the library, guidance office and the front office until she retired after 30 years in 2007 when her grandson, Reid, was born. Her time at Lake Mary Elementary provided many dear friendships and the opportunity to see kids who loved her every day.

She began spending a lot of time in Gainesville to help care for Reid and eventually moved there full-time when her health declined.

She loved her family and friends; dessert; Gator basketball and football; fifties music and dancing; HGTV; working in the yard; caring for others; attending

Reid's school, sports, and music events; and her dogs.

She will be remembered for her love for her family, her sweet and caring nature, and her toughness—she mowed the yard and played basketball with Reid well into her 70s.

Carol was pre-deceased by her parents, Tom and Berniece Sobeck, her husband, Bob Fugate, and her brother Richard Friend. Carol is survived by her daughter Kim Roberts, daughter-in-law Diane Roberts, grandson Reid Roberts all of Gainesville, and cousin Richard Keefer of Debary. Kim and Diane's family of choice also became hers as they helped care for her to the end: the Diekow family; Sue and Bob Beebe; Kathy, Brian, and Katie Hobgood; the Aaronson family; and Wayne and Nancy Griffin.

The family would like to thank the many caretakers who provided love and care in her last months—especially the CNAs, nurses, PTs, OTs, drivers, and those that fed her, entertained her, and cleaned her space with a smile.

Burial will be in Lake Mary, FL, alongside her husband and near her parents and will be private due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In this time especially, we all need reminders of life. If you would like to honor Carol, please plant and nurture something in your space, enjoy a dessert in her honor (bonus points if it's ice cream), make a donation to a pet rescue or rescue a pet yourself if the time is right, paint a room or redo a space HGTV style, or find any way to honor or care for a caregiver.

Carol's family invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her honor.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ My heart aches for Kim, Diane, Reid and all of us who was given so much love from Carol. She truly had God's heart. She was the best friend. The most perfect and loving mother and wife. Her loyalty to others can not even be explained. The thing that will be always remembered by me, were the loving arms and comfort she gave to me during the worst times of my life. To this day I will be forever grateful for her on the day of my father's passing. I left his house around 6:30 in the morning, and drove straight to Lake Mary Elementary where I knew she would be at 7:00am. I parked and started walking towards the guidance building. She saw me, opened the door, and took me inside without ever saying a word, sat me down and then wrapped her arms around me as I cried every tear. I never thought I would ever cry like that again, but as I type this, my eyes are running over. I loved Carol as though she were my second mother. She was the sweetest soul, and will always be in my heart. Though we lost contact after she moved to Gainesville, I have never quit thinking of her. I will forever miss this beautiful lady. Dance in heaven Carol, Bobby is waiting. When it rains, we all will know the drops are really kisses. When the sun shines, it will be your warm heart reminding us of you. When the thunder comes, we will know it is you being ferocious to the evil that frightens your friends and loved ones. Carol thank you for all of the years you gave to me, and my family. The love that you shared with your friends. And most of all the cherry cheese cakes that you made for so many of my birthdays! I loved you then, I love you now, and I will forever hold you in my heart. Not enough words can be said for the person you were to us! Rest in peace my friend, hugs and kisses. Mary Ann Hansen

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**MaryAnn Hansen** - May 11, 2020 at 08:55 AM

DI

*Mary Ann, thank you so much for these words. We will never forget how you rallied behind Bobby in his final days and were probably the last person to make him laugh. You were a good friend. We've thought of you often.*

**Diane** - June 06, 2020 at 01:27 AM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. She was one of the sweetest faces at Lake Mary Elementary when I was growing up. As well as a dear friend of my nana who passed a few years ago. Love and prayers for the family* 🙏💙

**Margarita Santiago** - May 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *I was blessed to work with Carol at Lk Mary Elem for many years. Her love, compassion and gentle heart is always remembered fondly. We had many long talks about many things in life. I have a book she gave me when I left LME to work at another elementary school. The book stays in my bedroom and used frequently: "Life Changing Prayers." Not surprising that she endeared herself to others when she moved to Gainesville. May peace fill her family and friends heart knowing she was cared for in such loving gentle ways.*  
*Kay Ham*

**Kay Ham** - May 10, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear of Carols passing. I worked with Carol many years. Carol was a very humble and caring person. She loved pets and children. Carol and I had many laughs and I have such fond memories. Love to Kim and her family.* *Beverly Williams*

**Beverly Williams** - May 09, 2020 at 04:48 PM

Teri Bump

“ *Kim, DP & Reid- sending love & condolences - thinking of you & your loved ones. Teri Bump*

Teri Bump - May 07, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DI

*Thanks, Teri*

Diane - May 08, 2020 at 10:00 PM

SB

“ *There are so many memories with Carol over so many years. I will share our traditional Halloween gathering at the Roberts. For several years it was a tradition for Grandma Carol & Sue to distribute candy to children at the Roberts house. We had so much fun answering the door together, laughing, & talking. The last couple of years my father Bob joined our tradition as it was the three of us! DP, Kim, & Reid knew we had their house covered. This past year we ran out of candy! We laughed! Halloween will always hold a special place in my heart as I got to share it with Carol. I'll miss you Carol & the first piece of chocolate with this Halloween is for you!! Rest In Peace. Much love & hugs, Sue*

Sue Beebe - May 07, 2020 at 11:10 AM

SB

“ *Sue & Bob Beebe lit a candle in memory of Carol Fugate*



Sue & Bob Beebe - May 07, 2020 at 08:56 AM

MC

*I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Myrna Cabrera-Rivero** - May 07, 2020 at 01:42 PM

TG

*She had an intoxicating kindness, and love for kids. It was so special for her to be their for Reid as he's matured into the young man he is today. Kim and Diane were fortunate to have her in their lives. Rest In Peace. ❤️*

**The Humphrey Family of Gainesville** - May 09, 2020 at 01:44 PM

TD

*Ms. Carol was a one to most kind hearted gentle lady I had the pleasure of meeting and working with at Lake Mary Elementary School. She was one of the most sweetest but hard a worker . You were a genuine persons which I had the pleasure to encounter in my life. Make God wrap His arms around your daughter and your family. You were such a blessing to this Earth and to everyone you imprint on. Rest in the arms of God Ms.Carol Fugate love you Tina DeBose*

**Tina DeBose** - May 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM



*I worked with Carol for 11 years and she always had a smile on her face and was the kindest person. I was also a classroom assistant and spent many times in our little room talking. My prayers and thoughts to Kim and her family. She loved you very much Kim you were her pride and joy.*

*Debbie Weston*

**Debbie Weston** - May 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM