



Carol Marie Preston Doty

October 1, 1946 - August 29, 2020

Carol Marie Preston Doty, 73, of Good Hope passed away Saturday, August 29, 2020, at her residence after a long hard battle with cancer. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 1, 1946, to Reuben and Betty Preston.

She was preceded in death by her parents and twin brother, Richard Preston.

Survivors include her husband of 22 years, Dennis Doty; her sister, Patty (Jim) Grier, of Vinemont; and brother, Ken (Marilyn) Preston, of Ann Arbor, MI; her nieces, Casey Grier (Markus) Doering, of Cullman, Ashley Grier White, of Huntsville, Mira Preston, of Chicago, IL; her nephew, Ari (Ashley) Preston, of East Montpelier, VT; grandnieces, Olivia White, Julia White, both of Huntsville; grandnephew, Alexander Doering, of Cullman; her constant canine companion, "Leo", as well as other family members and friends who loved her dearly.

Carol died with her husband and family members at her bedside. Her enduring love for her husband, her high school sweetheart who she had reconnected with and married 33 years after their graduation, was a family legend. She loved to cook and garden, but most of all she loved people of all walks of life and enjoyed organizing social gatherings that brought people together in common cause. She will be remembered most by those whose lives she touched for her unending compassion, kindness, and generosity.

A private family graveside internment of ashes ceremony was conducted on Wednesday September 2, 2020, at Cullman Public Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a to-be-determined future time and place. The family requests that any charitable donations in Carol's name should be made to the following: The United Way of Cullman County, P.O. Box 116, Cullman, AL 35056, phone (256) 739-2948.

Cemetery Details

Cullman City Cemetery

821 Lessman Cir SW
Cullman, AL 35055-5201
(256) 734-3833

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Today I addressed a birthday card to my dear friend, Carol. Something (or someone) nudged me to check her on Google and I discovered the sad news. We worked together way back in the day at C&S Bank and kept up all these years, sending cards and texting back and forth as late as the spring. What a wonderful spirit! She will forever remain the positive, encouraging soul that had a special influence on all who knew her.

Ellen Terrell

Ellen Terrell - September 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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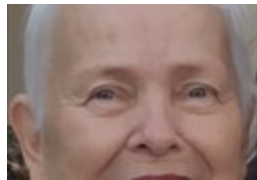
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Ken Preston - September 16, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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Ken Preston - September 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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The photo above is a portrait of Carol with her characteristic smile that defined her. It was taken at Thanksgiving 2019 in Cullman after she had been told by her oncologist that she would probably only have six more months to live. She survived for nine months. Carol always seemed to find a way to accomplish things beyond all expectations. There are so many examples of that throughout her life that it's no surprise that she was able to hang on for a few more months. It allowed her to meet the newest member of the RT Preston Extended Family, Alexander Döring, born to her niece Casey and her husband Markus Döring on May 30th. It also gave us all more time to spend with her and share the love we all had for her and for each other. That was her final gift to all of us. In Carol's own words, "Family is everything"!

Ken Preston - September 16, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ I wrote last week here but it didn't post so am trying again.. my name is Robin Foster & I'm a member of C&S Bank Family Of special ladies who met at the bank & stayed in touch since the 70's ... Carol was one of our special group along with Jan Kepic, Evelyn Shepherd, Susan Updegraff, Sharon Rosser, Betty Castleberry, Kathleen Miers, (deceased) Charlotte Cates, (deceased) & others... we loved gathering whenever possible to share our memories of those 'ole Bank Days' our awesome boss, Mr. Louis Fortuna, Many loyal customers & accompanying incidents, & lots of laughter! Carol was known & loved for her beaming smile, Happy attitude, & love for life we will remember her with much love. Our prayers now are for her sweet Dennis, & her siblings.

Robin Foster - September 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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Thank you Robin for sharing your memories of Carol when she worked in Atlanta at C&S Bank. I also lived in Atlanta at that time in the 1970s when I was a student at Emory. I remember how much she loved working there, and now I know why. . . because of coworkers like you that formed a special bond together and stayed in touch through the years. Lifetime friendships were among the most treasured values and life lessons that Carol believed in. I spoke about that at the 'Internment of Ashes' graveside ceremony we held for her on September 2nd. She had written 'Five Lifetime Lessons' she wanted to share with those she was leaving behind. You were surely one of those friends. I can send you a copy of that if you'd like. Just leave me an email address, but I do plan to post those on this website soon.

Ken Preston - September 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM