

In Loving Memory of Carol Pukli 1938 – 2024

Carol Joan Pukli, the only child of Frank and Betty, was born in El Paso, Texas on June 2, 1938. Carol was especially close with both sets of grandparents and their only grandchild. Carol also shared a special bond with her Scotty dog, Sandy, the first of many pups Carol raised in her lifetime.

Following Frank's death when Carol was still a child, Carol and her mom moved to Denver where she went to high school. University of Colorado at Boulder became her alma mater, and she remained friends with sorority sisters from Alpha Delta Pi and the university throughout her life.

After moving to California, Carol began teaching in Anaheim Elementary School District where she remained for 29 years. Carol loved her students and thought of herself as a teacher for all, giving instructions frequently.

In her free time and retirement Carol became involved with Families Forward, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the University Park Library and especially University United Methodist Church. She is well known for her parties, lunches, and dinners where she convened people who became great friends. Gazette was her first puppy to train for Guide Dogs for the Blind followed by Pandita. She babysat numerous others for friends in the OC Guide Dog Puppy Club.

At Families Forward, Carol tutored, supported and encouraged families, and was a constant in the food pantry.

Carol's health declined especially during COVID. The last two and a half years of her life were spent at Regents Point where she passed on October 13. Carol had an enormous family of friends who were with her through her good times and troubled times, and she leaves a legacy of friendships and caring for others.