

Carol Chapin

Obituary

Carol was born on October 24, 1948 in Hartford, CT. She resided in San Diego, California until her early teens, when she and her mother moved to Boston, MA, with her father still living on the West coast. Carol's mother passed away when Carol was only 21. Carol attended Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art in London, then returned to New York City, where she had lived briefly, to pursue her acting. She lived in Brooklyn on Remson Street, then moved to Carroll Gardens where she lived in the same apartment on Union Street for 32 years.

Carol received her Bachelor's degree from SUNY Empire State University and later studied the piano and the cello. Carol studied Dalcroze piano technique in New York City. She worked with law firms as a word processing operator from the 1980s until the conditions following 9/11 at her employer's near the World Trade Center were deemed dangerous for her health, as she had developed chronic leukemia. Following studying Dalcroze, Carol searched for a vehicle to create community that involved music and children. She discovered Music Together, an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for children from birth through age 7, along with their parents, which was first offered to the public in the late 1980s. Carol was the Founder and Director of HeartSong Kids, a Music Together school that held workshops in many locations in Brooklyn and in Queens, New York where she taught her own classes and hired Music Together teachers. At the time of her passing, Carol maintained a co-director role of several Music Together classes held in Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens.

Carol had many wide-spread talents and interests. She was a wonderful astrologer, was knowledgeable about energy healing, had studied Focusing (Focusing.org), was a fanatical puzzle enthusiast and lover of early BBC and American television, enjoying acquiring and viewing entire collections of TV series. She had a vast library of books and was extremely well-read.

Carol loved animals and often rescued cats and dogs in the neighborhood. She was the devoted mom to many beloved animals throughout her lifetime. Carol was an advocate and benefactor for animal causes throughout the world and for personal causes that she would throw her energies into.

She had long ties to Carroll Gardens, and found community among many neighbors and friends she had made at the health food store, vegetable store, copy center, drug store and pharmacy, the library, the neighborhood deli, the bank, and many more. Carol was deeply grateful for the friendships and for the service of those who assisted her and her pets when she was challenged with health crises.

Carol is survived by an uncle and several cousins and their families who live in Rhode Island.

Carol leaves a big footprint on our hearts and has touched our souls with her passion, her enthusiasm, her caring and her mothering. She will be deeply missed.

Donations in Carol Chapin's memory may be sent to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.