



## REMEMBERING Carol Lawson

March 23, 1944 - April 18, 2015



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### **Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff**

Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

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### **Tribute from Diane Olthuis**

Relation: Cleaned house late 1970's

Dear Jacquie and Wendy, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom.

It is many years ago I cleaned house for her and took care of you two when she went on a trip to Hawaii. we made a welcome home cake and you hid it in the coffee table ! I still have the lava/shell ornament she gave me. Sincere sympathy to you and your families,Diane

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### **Tribute from Don & Maureen Fisher**

Relation: Friends and business associate

I have known Carol through the R.B.C. since 1972 and we worked together at branch level and the business center in Abbotsford/Clearbrook. She was always helpful to everyone and had an electric personality with great humour. She was well loved and respected by clients and colleagues alike. Her community volunteerism was highly recognized and she never forgot lifelong friends. We are very sorry we can't attend the memorial and wish to pass on our condolences to all her family and friends.

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### **Tribute from Lana Verdonk**

Relation: RBC advisor

I wish to send condolences on behalf of Verdonk Bros Farms Ltd. Carol always supported the dairy farmers and her only complaint was that she needed a weeks notice, not just one day to get the loan in order. Unfortunately John passed away in February, but I know he would have wanted us to send blessings your way. We enjoyed being present at her retirement banquet. God bless.

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### **Tribute from Anne Laury**

Relation: Worked with Carol & one of the RBC ladies monday walkers

Wendy, Jacquie & family.

Carol always made a difference in so many lives. She will be missed dearly, but she will always be walking Mill Lake with us in spirit. Such a special Lady.

Prayers & thoughts to you at this difficult time.

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**Tribute from Kim Patrick**

Relation: Friends

Carol and I have been friends for 34 years, we had many wonderful times, travelling, playing cards, her love of life and family always touched my heart.. If you needed her she came instantly.

Carol often talked of her family and how proud she was of them.

We were roommates at one time and I had my own phone, I was upstairs, Carol called me there was a spider on the ironing board, I came down to remove and her and Wendi were standing on the top of the couch,

R.I.P. my friend

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**Tribute from Bea Foulis**

Relation: Abbotsford Police Victim Services

A note to my dear friend Carol, I had the privilege of meeting you when I came to Victim Services just 7 short years ago. We instantly became great friends. Sharing laughter and sometimes sadness from issues we had to deal with. You my friend always held your head up high and got everyone through it with a smile and kind words. You were such a strong woman but only those that knew you knew that you had such a big heart and cared so deeply about so many things. One being the Abbotsford Food Bank and the other being Victim Services. I will miss your lovely smile, your cheeky comments, your laughter and your cherished friendship. I will also miss our lunches and coffees, you Monique and I shared. You have taken a piece of my heart you. The only thing I am very sure of Carol, is that I will see you again one day. I love you my dear friend. Rest in peace as you are no longer in pain - Bea

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**Tribute from Monique Olinoski**

Relation: Abbotsford Police Victim Services

Carol came into my life only 4 years ago when I started as the Volunteer Coordinator in Victim Services. My desk was across from hers so it was hard not to hear the witty banter she had with her clients. I knew she was my kind of person after she got hung up on from someone who was not appreciating her wisdom, turns to me and says "Are you kidding me"? Her second favourite line was to always say "What"??? as in are you kidding me how stupid are they!! We quickly became fast friends, going for lunch, movies, cruising together and she even offered her cottage in Point Roberts for my niece's wedding! I used to say to Carol how have you managed your whole life without me but really now I can't imagine the rest of my life without her! My heart goes out to her family.

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**Tribute from Donna & Dale Irvine**

Relation: Friends & RBC colleague

Jacque & Wendi and families, please accept our condolences on the passing of your Mother Carol. We met through and sharing of our friendship with Brenda, since the mid 60,s, when we were all newlyweds. Over these many years her volunteerism efforts both in the community and among her many friends and relatives must be unmatched. Carol was always there 24/7 to just help out or take charge when needed. She loved her job working with & helping her clients & formed many lasting friendships with them. Most importantly Carol was very proud of her daughters & the adults they became, the marriages they made & the grandchildren they gave her. Carol respected your choices and loved you all very much. Please know your two families gave her many years of pleasure & happiness, which she always talked about. It was very special to have known Carol all these years, we shared many laughs, some tears. No one could have fought harder than she did, in all she did, she will

be missed by many. May Carol rest in peace.

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**Tribute from Carlen Jansen**

Relation: Former colleague

This is a copy of the first half of a letter that I wrote to Carol around Christmas 2014 when she was back in the hospital....Despite the setback and the unthinkable that had become more plausible, I encouraged her through a message with a double meaning. I allowed her to envision herself as becoming empowered to control her own destiny. Hi Carol, As always, you continue to astound me. You are being probed, radiated, scanned and processed. You have a team of oncologists that are pulling out all the stops to help you. You are at risk of radiation poisoning and extreme side effects but you would rather that than the alternative. You will fight to the bitter end. You will do whatever it takes to beat this. You have the courage and will to live. You have strong support from your family and the countless people that you have touched over the years (including me). I want to fight with you and slay that Monster. But I don't know how except to encourage you to put up the good fight. The nightmare continues for you...and for all of us that love you. I cannot imagine the emotions that you feel from minute to minute. The only advice that I can give you is to muster up all of your strength and deal with this head-on, as you are doing. Use the emotions to your advantage and imagine yourself overcoming this setback. The obstacle is huge but you have to envision yourself on the other side injured and weary, battered and bruised but you're still very much alive. Losing is not an option!

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**Tribute from Marta Chiavacci**

Relation: Family member

Jacque and Wendi,

Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss.

Your mom left a huge imprint on many lives the largest on your families. You were very fortunate, as were we all, to have her in your lives. She created lasting memories, not just for you, but also for your children. I don't think one could ask for more than that.

While she will be missed greatly, she will never be forgotten.

Love you both very much.

Marta

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