

Carla Pitcher

June 6, 1971 ~ May 12, 2023

Carla Pitcher graced this planet on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, June 6, 1971. From the start, Carla displayed an unwavering spirit of curiosity. As a bright and inquisitive child, she always sought new knowledge and embarked on thrilling adventures.

Carla's academic journey was marked by remarkable success. In high school, while immersed in advanced placement classes, she encountered a PE requirement. Rather than settling for a typical PE class, Carla fearlessly appealed to the administration, advocating for the study of Latin in its place. The school did not offer Latin, but determined and resourceful, Carla created her own Latin curriculum, complete with a syllabus and lesson plans. This was a testament to her unyielding commitment to shaping her own path. Carla graduated with honors from Taylorsville High School and secured an Honors at Entrance full scholarship to the University of Utah.

Prior to commencing her studies at the UofU, Carla had planned a grand trip to Europe with a friend. When unforeseen circumstances prevented her friend from joining, Carla fearlessly forged ahead, eventually embarking on the adventure solo. In Europe, Florence, Italy captured her heart, becoming her cherished city abroad. Such was Carla's life—a testament to living on her own terms, driven by her own motivations.

Carla's pursuit of knowledge extended beyond the UofU. She also studied at BYU and Westminster, earning her bachelor’s degree in biology. Throughout her life, Carla held a diverse range of jobs, from working in a jewelry boutique in her younger years to conducting research in labs.

Carla's love extended to mentoring her nieces, nephews, friends, and even strangers. Her volunteer work with the UofU’s Center for Science and Mathematics Education focused on encouraging young girls to explore math and science and to pursue careers in these fields.

In her late 20s, Carla married Stefan Nicholas Tevis. They were married for eight years and in that time together, they welcomed two remarkable sons, Christian Nicholas and Gabriel Stefan. Her children became Carla's greatest achievement, the focus of her passion, and a source of immense pride. She prepared them diligently, not only for her recent passing but also for the journey of life itself. Christian and Gabriel are her enduring legacy, and their lives will forever honor her memory as they forge their own paths.

Carla passed away peacefully in the quiet hours of the morning on May 12, 2023, from pancreatic cancer, which she endured with grace and style. Carla is survived by her loving parents, Rexine Blaser Pitcher (mother) and John C. Pitcher (father), Linda Afton Pitcher (father’s spouse), brother Aaron J. Pitcher, brother Bryan B. Pitcher and Charles E. Turner (brother-in-law), her sister Nicole Pitcher Monsen and Richard O. Monsen (brother-in-law), and sister Brooke P. Denton. In addition to her two sons, Carla also leaves behind a beloved group of nieces and nephews. She was a cherished daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, leaving behind a legacy of love and inspiration.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Larkin Mortuary, located at 260 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Family visitation will commence at 1 PM, followed by the memorial service at 2 PM. For those unable to attend in person, the service will also be streamed online; click the "Watch Services" button above. Floral tributes may be sent directly to Larkin Mortuary at the same address.