



Carol E. Anspach

November 8, 2020

Carol E. Anspach, 83, of Lancaster, PA, died at Moravian Manor on Sunday, November 8, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Paul E. and Kathryn Mengel Anspach. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert E. Anspach.

Born in Leesport, PA, she received her undergraduate degree from Kutztown University and master's degree from Penn State University in 1967 in Art Education. Carol was a well-known local artist who taught at Conestoga Valley and Manheim Central High Schools. Handmade jewelry was a passion of Carol's and when she left teaching, she worked primarily as a jewelry artist. In her later years, she expanded her repertoire to include photography.

For over forty years, she organized the Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition and later the Young Artists of Lancaster Exhibit. Her volunteer efforts gave thousands of student artists an opportunity to exhibit and receive recognition for their work. Under her direction, Lancaster County established a reputation for excellence in art education based on the number of award winners from the region in National Scholastic Art Awards Competition every year. She was a tenacious believer in the value of education in the arts, and her legacy continues in the artists whose creativity she supported over the years. She held memberships in the Echo Valley Art Group and the PA Guild of Craftsman.

She was the organist and choir director at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church for 14 years and was known in the community for her excellence in music.

She is survived by her cousin William Anspach and his wife, Christine of Getzville, NY, and their sons Jason, of Torrance, CA, his wife Karen and their daughter Gabrielle (who was the first girl born into the Anspach family since Carol) and Erik, of Paris, France and his partner, Phillipe Holtzwarth. Erik recalls Carol sharing her love of European travel, as well as encouraging him in the arts. She is also survived by her godson, Matthew Walton of Toronto, Canada, his wife Abby and sons, Soren, and Auden. Matthew shared her love of music, and she enjoyed seeing him passing this on to his own sons.

There will be a Private Graveside Service at Leesport Cemetery in Leesport Pennsylvania.

Because of her extraordinary and passionate contributions to the Arts, memorial contributions may be sent in Carol's memory to the art organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol E. Anspach*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My sister from Lancaster sent me the newspaper clipping with news of Miss Anspach's death to my home in Boston. I've not lived in Lancaster for 40 years and parts of my growing up years, of course, are ever more distant, though Lancaster is close to my heart. At Conestoga Valley High School, I remember Miss Anspach as one of a triumvirate of art teachers. I was never in her class, and didn't know her really, but remember her calmly walking around, commiserating with the other teachers, and keeping a watchful eye on students. She wore cool clothes. A memory that has continued to stick with me is the briefest of encounters with her. One time in the cafeteria line on the way to pick up lunch, I made a joke involving the topic of Gregorian Chants (?) and she looked at me, brightened and laughed. I felt seen and appreciated in that moment. It's all these years later I learn she was a choir director!*

Through the mists of time, she seems to me a person who loved what she loved, cared for it, moved gently on the earth and respected others, including high school students. I hope she felt the grace and love she modeled. What a rich life! The memory of Carol is certainly a blessing.

I send my condolences to her family and friends.

Lisa Heisterkamp Davis - December 22, 2020 at 10:08 AM



Thanks for your words , Lisa! She has no immediate family remaining but her friends who are/were educators will appreciate your thoughts!

linda gort - December 29, 2020 at 08:17 AM

DR

“ As long as I can remember, Carol was a fixture of my Mother’s extended Groff family, probably through my aunt Doris (Groff) Garland, also a teacher and artist? I’m any case, we all loved Carol, our surrogate aunt down in Cherry steet, and she continued to join some of our family holidays until even recently. As a representative of the Groff family, we pass on our heartfelt condolences, and we carry her memory in our hearts. If possible, I’d like to attend the service in Leesport, to pay our respects, to Carol and her extended family; Sincerely, David Regensburger, grandson of John & Kathryn Groff, Lancaster;

David Regensburger - November 17, 2020 at 03:00 AM

LG

David. This is Linda Gort, one of Carol’s friends. I am sorry we are seeing this after Carol’s burial - which was private at her request. I will try to find information to contact you.

We appreciate your thoughts. Carol was not well in recent months and we were unable to identify family and friends we could reach out to, until after her death.

Linda Gort - December 05, 2020 at 04:31 PM

AS

“ What a joy to have had Carol (or Miss Anspach, as I knew her) for an art teacher at CV-- or for a teacher of anything, for that matter. She was a champion of every student's work while at the same time holding high standards for us. I remember the weekly sketchbook assignment and how her evaluation was both direct and encouraging. She was the kind of person who made me feel like she believed in me. As a result of the wonderful foundation she provided, I continued to paint and create in other mediums for some time. I think the sketchbook idea might get me started again. Thank you, Miss Anspach.
Alison (Moodie) Samph

Alison (Moodie) Samph - November 15, 2020 at 08:48 PM

LG

This is Linda Gort, a friend of Carol's replying. Thanks so much for your thoughts. Getting back to your sketchbook would be a great tribute to her!

Linda Gort - December 05, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MR

*Dear Carol's Family,
Just came across Carol's obituary.Remembering Carol as my best friend back from the Orchard in Leesport and also from OHS. May you Rest In Peace my dear friend.Thanks for the great memories.
Sincerely
Mary Lou Rubright*

Marylou Rubright - March 05, 2022 at 09:19 AM

JM

“ Carol was my art teacher many years ago at Manheim Central. As a student with small talent, but a large interest in art, she gave me a gift that has and will continue to last a lifetime. Because of her teaching, I have continued to seek out information about art and artists and visit exhibits and museums whenever possible. Thank you, Carol. Janet Brian Mills

Janet (Jan) Brian Mills - November 15, 2020 at 02:30 PM

LG

This is Linda Gort, Carol's friend replying. Thank you for your kind thoughts, Janet. Many people remember Carol for the attitude toward the arts she encouraged in her students and the community

Linda Gort - December 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM