

*CAROLYN BERRY RESS (1955-2019)*  
*LdM Class of 1973*



*Troy, Michigan – September 1, 2019*

Carolyn Berry Ress of Troy, Michigan, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2019. She was surrounded by her loving family after enduring colon cancer with courage and dignity for over twelve years.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Rick Ress, mother, Eileen Berry, and brother, Tom Berry. Carolyn is survived by her loving children, Rachel, Robby, and Rebecca, her father, Ray Berry, sisters, Linda (Jim) Nicholas and Kathryn Berry, sister-in-law Patricia (Dave) Daube, and several nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Mundelein College, Carolyn pursued a career in fashion at Dittrich Furs in Bloomfield Hills and Detroit. Her creativity led to Your Feathered Nest, an interior design business providing attractive personal spaces in private homes. Her unique talents elevated the individual style of her clients to create comfortable and inviting living areas. Carolyn was known for her sense of style from a young age, being the "go-to" stylist in her family and later among friends. Throughout her life, she was always dressed in the most beautiful ways. Her love for external beauty paralleled the beautiful person she was internally. Carolyn was an involved mother, loving wife, and fierce friend. She volunteered her time at St. Hugo while her children attended school, working in the library and organizing items for the annual auction. She was a listening ear to her children as well as friends, offering level-headed and heartfelt advice. Carolyn loved being a hostess to her many friends and had many warm gatherings in her home. Carolyn married her college sweetheart, Rick, in 1977. The couple moved to Chicago where they lived for several years prior to settling in Michigan, where they lived together for thirty years. After Carolyn and Rick had children, the family took trips to Hawaii and Alaska, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park, as well as Spain, France, and Italy. Carolyn and Rick drove to visit family in Ohio for Thanksgiving and Chicago for Christmas every year. The couple even drove their three young children annually to Florida to visit Carolyn's mother and father in Palm Beach. Carolyn enjoyed traveling with family and spending time with her cherished friends. While braving colon cancer, she was able to run a successful business, care for her ailing husband who also passed from cancer in 2013 and raise three strong children. Her grace, courage, and humor will be remembered by many.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (Between Maple and Big Beaver). The funeral mass will be held Friday, September 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at St Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 12:00 p.m. Memorial tributes may be made to: Camp Kesem at the University of Michigan, Camp Kesem Michigan PO Box 4133 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 OR <https://donate.kesem.org/campaign/friends-of-camp-kesem-at-the-university-of-michigan-fy-2019/c200183> ~Lovingly Submitted by the Family~