



## Carol M. Wade

January 3, 1957 - September 30, 2016

### Life Legacy

“You can’t be afraid of the dark or you’ll never see the stars.” –Anonymous  
On September 30, 2016, Carol Marie Wade, 59, died peacefully in her Brea home surrounded by family and friends. She was born January 3, 1957, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, the daughter of John and Helen (Lipski) Rukuizas. Carol attended Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills, Illinois, graduating in 1975. She finally married her high school sweetheart, the late Kevin Wade, on April 30, 1976, in Palos Hills and gave birth to her only child, Victoria, in 1981. After her marriage, Carol relocated to Brea, California, in 1987 with her mother and daughter. Upon arriving, Carol worked a number of jobs before settling into a secretarial position at Mitsubishi. Because of her business acumen, Carol was eventually promoted to Junior Buyer, an accolade that helped procure her job of Buyer/Planner at Toshiba. She left the corporate world in 2001 to pursue her rekindled love of playing pool and began voluntarily helping the Orange County American Poolplayers Association. Then in 2005, the opportunity presented itself for Carol’s daughter to buy the business from the previous owner, and with Carol’s guidance, they turned the small franchise into a flourishing business. Carol was not just a driven business woman. She was also loyal, trustworthy, patient, and unselfish. She had a dry sense of humor, was fond of Elvis impersonators, played the accordion, collected Barbies, had to have bones in

her chicken, rooted for the Minnesota Vikings, and enjoyed going to Palm Springs. But above all else, she loved being with her daughter, her dogs, and her closest friends at home. She is survived by her daughter, Victoria Wade of Brea; two dogs, Jake and Sammy; and countless friends. A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the following location: Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary; 455 W. Central Avenue; Brea, CA; 92821. Please dress in colorful attire – no black. Reception will follow at the Wade house.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary

455 W. Central Ave.

Brea, CA 92821

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# Tribute Wall

SZ

“ I have fond memories of you Carol. Standing up to your wedding is one of them. It was apparent way back then the independent woman you were. May peace be with you.

Sharon Zurek - July 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ I'm so sorry carol is gone. Over the years I often thought about your Mother and you.

Kim Zurek - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so thankful I got an opportunity to know Carol. She was a great ambassador to the world of pool and has made a lasting impression on so many people. I am so sorry for your loss Vicki, and please accept my sincerest sympathies. Rest In Peace Carol.

Cliff Green - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My deepest condolences for your loss, Vicki. Carol was always a joy! We will miss her supportive nature at tournaments as well as behind the scenes. Vicki, if there is any way we can help please don't hesitate to call.

Andrew Dehritz - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ You did amazing today Vicky. What a beautiful speech. Carol taught many women how to be a great mom, but you also showed how to be a wonderful daughter. Thank you for sharing this wonderful tribute.

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October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Vicki, Your Mom was a beautiful person, inside & out. I am grateful to have met her and thankful for the time I spent with her. I will always remember her with a smile. You were beyond amazing today .. such a heart-warming speech you gave. ?, Rhonda

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**Rhonda Barrett** - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in Peace Carol and our condolences to the Wade family . We are sorry for your loss our prayers are with your family.

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**The Lofflers** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Where do I start?...My deepest condolences to you Vicki, first off! Carol and I were friends for couple of decades or so! Bumped heads, argued, loved, laughed and cherished many moments; from lunches with the Wade's, sleepover at the Wade's to local and national events! :) Carol always had a dry sense of humor which I personally loved! I will miss her admiration and respect for her daughter, her passion for the Orange County APA and the Vikings ,and many more qualities and characteristics which time didn't allow me to admire and learn more from! The barbie thing, Vicki! Hmm... Kinky lady! I like! ;) It has been a journey knowing her! It has been an honor in fact! Rest in peace dear friend and we will see you on the flip side!

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**Ramin Bakhtiari** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sending love and blessings to you VickiWish I could be there to celebrate her life.She is with Jesus now.Heaven has a new Angel

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**James Crowe** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My heart goes out to Vicki, Carol wasn't just a great mother and role model to Vicki, she was her best friend and idol. Carol meant the world to me. Carol and Vicki, believed in me and without them, I wouldn't be the coach and instructor for the APA. I wish I'd of gotten more time together hanging out. I loved our weekend in Anaheim, and our day at the fair, to watching the Vikings. My heart is broken and I pray to god, he can give Vicki the strength. Vicki your Mom was a great woman, I know you will continue her legacy. Rip Carol you will be truly missed by many. Love Lee

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**Lee Brett** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol had a special love for her daughter. That alone made me respect her so much. Her love for pool was also admirable. I am so, so happy that I got to experience the last APA Nationals with her, Vicki and many friends. It was incredible to watch as she realized a dream she'd had for decades. I will never forget the moment she reached for her daughter's hand during the last match. It's burned into my brain. I'm forever thankful that I was able to experience such a happy and fulfilling moment in her life in person. I'll never forget her. All my love to the family and many friends that Carol made in her life. Rest in peace, beautiful lady.

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October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Vicki, we are so sorry for your loss. What I remembered most about your Mom was that she always had a smile and say hello. Her presences light up the room and fill with energy. You will be missed Carol but not forgotten! With our deepest and heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Sims' Family, Trang & Dave.

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**Trang Tran** - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Carol & Vicki coming to play often in a weekly tournament that I ran in Anaheim, Ca. They were easy-going & friendly towards all the customers of the bar. Just good people! I will miss seeing Carol & playing pool with her!

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**RC Redwood** - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Carol years ago playing in the APA, became friends with her and her daughter Vicki ever since, her love for her daughter was special, she was a kindhearted, nononse kind of a woman, remembering the fun times in Vegas, playing Texas Holdem at their home, seeing her daughter perform dance recitals, attending Angels games, and her love of the Vikings.... You'll be deeply missed Carol but never forgotten.... RIP my dear friend!!

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**Carlos Romo** - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Missing Carol and thinking of you from Blue Ridge APA in Asheville, NC. -- Vicki Catalano

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**Vicki Catalano** - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mine and Mel's favorite memory...he beat the league operator. So supportive of his fight for sobriety. We will miss you terribly Carol...rest with the angels.

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**Mel & Kym Mickler** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Vicki, just wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Even though I only saw Carol occasionally at tournaments and captains meetings, she always had a smile and hello for everyone. Please know how much she will be missed by all of us and how much we appreciate what you and your Mom did for everyone.

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**John Allen** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Vicki, I have no words to say that are going to make you feel better or take away the hurt. I will say something you already know... You and your mom shared together what most people can only dream about having or wish they had. I am sure being your mom told you everything.. LOL you probably know we we talk outside of pool from time to time. She had told me you were her best friend and she was yours! Yes, your mom was taken way too early, however, always remember, all the memories, the laughs, the cries, the vacations, the long endless nights, the accomplishments and the endless unconditional bond and love you both shared. Most people don't have half of what you both did. I will always admire and wish I had what you had. Even though your mom is now an angel.. She is always going to be YOUR angel and always right next to you, even though you wont be able to see her, you will always know she is right there with you! I love you both, sending you my prayers and love.. Jen

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**Jennifer Huntley** - October 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Vickie, I am so sorry for your loss. Carol was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. I know how close the two of you were and I just want you to know that my thoughts and prayers go out to you. She is in a better place now, free of pain and anguish. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to ask.

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**Andrew Fain** - October 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Vicki, ONLY FOND MEMORIES OF YOU MOM!! Carol always had encouraging words for everyone..WIN OR LOSE! However, what I admired most about you MOM was that she was by her daughter's side during every event that I attended. No matter how long the event lasted..Carol never left. Vicki, know this..YOUR MOM WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE!! Love & Respect 'B'

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**Bradley Hauser** - October 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Vicki's Mom was a wonderful person and made you feel special. I knew her through the APA and, at the Nationals, had the honor of playing in a tournament with her as my partner. She was taken before her time and we all will miss her here on earth. Know this Vicki, your Mom is looking down at all of us. Lets make her proud. Its what, I believe, she would want.

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**Tom Knight** - October 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Sorry for your lose Prayer for you

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**Robert Oliff** - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I will miss you Carol. Your help and friendship means the world to me. You will always live in our hearts and memories. Love, Cathie

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**Cathie Meister** - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ To celebrate the memory of your mom I will share a story with you Vicki. One late night after closing the bar.... Not just an ordinary night. It was a night full of fun and memories. We were with a small group of friends who to a limo back to your house. We started a doubles game of pool with two very talented pool players at about 3:00 a.m. Your mom was so, sweet. She came out and asked if we could keep it down. She never complained. The reason this story reminds me of your mom is because she always put others first. She was kind, loving and was not the type of person to be in the spot light. She was so, supportive to Vicki. She encouraged Vicki and support Vicki's passion with pool. I want to personally Thank Carol & Vicki for hosting a charity pool tournament for me during my battle with cancer. Vicki and Carol are beautiful people. I appreciated it more than words can say. I love you BB Sister.

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**Lisa Just** - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Words can not express how deeply sorry we are to hear of Carol's passing. I have many memories of our time spent together. From our first meeting at Spooners, late night monopoly games, race track and Chicago dogs, to attending my wedding, many weekends at the Pen, Carol's downtown Fullerton birthday parties and Las Vegas. She truly enjoyed life.

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**Beth White** - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, you're going to be greatly missed by so many!

October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A celebration of life and loving memories will help to ease the pain of your loss. Our hearts and sympathies to the Wade family.

Lily & Larry Davis - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We had so much fun. We were best friends. She was a true, loving, caring, awesome friend. I loved her like a sister. What a great loss. I'm going to miss telling her Happy Birthday every January 3rd. She will always live in my heart. Love you Carol

Linda McCabe - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Vickie, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. What an amazing woman she was. In the short time we knew her, she always had a friendly smile and time to chat with us about anything. She will be so dearly missed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do for you at all - ANYTHING - please do not hesitate to reach out.

James and Jen Murrillo - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace Carol

October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM