



## Carla Jean Crowther Worthen

April 22, 1943 - January 31, 2021

Carla Jean Crowther Worthen, 77, passed away on January 31, 2021 due to natural causes. She was born on April 22, 1943 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Carl and Doris Crowther (Orme). Carla married Ronald Worthen on April 8, 1972 and he devoted his life to supporting her varied interests and caring for her until the end.

Carla graduated from West High School in 1961 and retired from the Utah State Board of Education in 2005. She was a devoted member of Beta Sigma Phi International Women's Organization and her love for the natural world was evident in the pride she felt as a volunteer zoo guide and animal handler at Utah's Hogle Zoo.

Carla is survived by her husband, Ronald Worthen, and two daughters, Tiffany Vandeman and Rhonna Worthen. Being a grandmother was her greatest gift and she leaves three grandchildren, Tellena Randall, Ryonn Vincent-Baird, and Dayton Worthen; and three great-grandchildren, Adynn, Easton, and Hollis Randall. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Barbara and Mary, and her son, Neal.

Carla was generous and unconditional with her love and time and inspired those lucky enough to know her to love others with a gracious heart. You did not need to share DNA with her to be loved by her with her whole heart; if she loved you, you were family. Carla's spirit was strong and her void will be indescribably felt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Utah's Hogle Zoo (<http://www.hoglezoo.org/honor-a-loved-one/>) in her name to ensure that her memory is never forgotten. A Celebration of Life will be held near her birthday and details will be announced in April.

Be safe 'n' buckle up!

# Comments

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“ Oh Carla I'm sure going to miss you! You and I both know how much you were always there for me and I'll never forget that. I love you to the moon and back! I'm not saying goodbye, it's only temporary. I'll see ya later on.

**Joyce** - March 01 at 09:05 PM

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“ Carla was a dear friend and a secretary where we worked together. She did anything for anyone, had a warm sense of humor, gave you a shoulder to cry on and was a sweetheart! We both worked for a boss who was one of the best, and he was very organized and orderly. One day Carla was away from the office, her phone was ringing, her boss was by her desk and so he answered it and looked for a pencil in her desk drawer to write a message. Apparently the pencils were not all together and Larry proceeded to clean and organize Carla's top desk drawer. I figured he had been up to something when he sheepishly slipped back into his office. Carla let out a surprised remark that sent me to the floor with laughter when she first saw her clean drawer, and to this day when I think about it I still smile! She told Larry she hesitated every time she opened that desk drawer because she felt like she was trespassing on hallowed ground. Carla was always keeping the office in a happy mood. I've missed her since her retirement. May her family be blessed with peace and comfort! Until we meet again Carla! Carolyn Johnson'

**carolyn johnson** - March 01 at 09:04 PM



“ I first met Carla in 1973 when we worked together at the State Office of Education. We became close friends and stayed good friends after I married her ex husband. She was very caring to everyone who knew her. When we both retired, we still talked and kept in contact. I will miss her. Judy Whalen

**Judy Whalen** - March 02 at 02:50 AM