



## Carol Marie Goslin

March 28, 1962 - March 31, 2020

Even on the hottest night in the summertime most people would say, “It is just too darn hot for a bonfire,” but not Carol. She would be gathering wood, and her friends for a perfect night of telling stories, laughing, dancing, listening to the BeeGee’s and sipping a chocolate martini. Unless of course her MSU Spartans were playing. Then the bonfire would have to wait. The Sparties were Carol’s “Boys,” and if she wasn’t watching, then the teams would surely be jinxed.

Carol was born in Bay City, Michigan on March 28, 1962, the daughter of Patrick and MaryAnn (Grocholski) Goslin. She grew up in the farm fields of Unionville and graduated from Owendale-Gagetown High School in 1980. She earned an undergraduate degree from CMU and Master’s degree from MSU. For 28 years, Carol worked for the State of Michigan, first in the Department of Corrections and then in the Department of Treasury. She was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Traverse City, and a Eucharistic Minister. She was also a member of the Elks Club.

Carol loved a good Polish meal and was genetically programmed to be an excellent polka dancer. Her quick little feet knew just how to take three light steps for every two beats. She was so open and loving. She was also so stubborn and persistent. Shortly after hip surgery and against doctor’s orders, she took a chainsaw to that nagging, old tree in the backyard because it would make good firewood.

Her dimples. That huge bright diamond smile. You knew she was listening to you because she tilted her head ever so slightly to take in each word. In her presence, you felt a sense of comfort, kindness and that she genuinely cared.

In July 2018, Carol learned she had a Metastatic Appendiceal Cancer. Like a warrior she tried every medication, chemotherapy, alternative therapy, meditation, and prayer. For the last two months of her life, Carol went with her partner (Lisa Neumann), best friend (Chris Moore), and three frisky dogs to Florida. There in land of sunshine and citrus trees, they welcomed friends and family from Michigan, ate fresh seafood, floated in the pool, rode electric bicycles, soaked up the warmth, and listened to the waves crash on the beach.

Carol died at home in Traverse City in the loving arms of Lisa and Chris on March 31, 2020, three days after her 58th birthday.

Remember Carol's strong faith, strong hands, and strong love for you. You could always depend on her. You still can.

Carol is survived by her partner Lisa Neumann; her parents, Patrick and MaryAnn (Grocholski) Goslin; sister Barb (Dennis) Tomczak of Bay City, brother Gary Goslin of Sebawaing, and sister Karen (Goslin) Muntz of Cass City; best friend Chris Moore; nieces and nephews Travis, Justin, Jessica, Erica, Evan, Amanda, and Andrew; and fur-babies Trixie and Kady. She was preceded in death by Brother Richard Hugh Patrick Henry, O. de M.

A celebration of Carol's life will take place at a later date in Traverse City, Michigan. Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services is caring for Carol and her family. <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

# Comments

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“ Bridget Lesher lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Bridget Lesher** - April 21, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ I only met Carol a few times, but was so taken by her warmth, patience, gentleness. I observed her and Lisa's journey through her illness, and they traveled it with such grace and gratitude. I shall always hold the memory of her pure goodness in my heart. Love and sympathy to all her loved one, Karen Comella

**Karen Comella RN** - April 09, 2020 at 01:42 PM

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“ Lynne Gludovatz lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Lynne Gludovatz** - April 09, 2020 at 09:34 AM

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“ I can remember a Labor Day weekend a long time ago. On the spur of the moment, a bunch of us jumped in my Blazer and went to Toronto---to shop at Eaton Place!! What a time we all had. Later we found out that Carol had made it all the way to Brampton, a suburb of Toronto! Carol, I will miss that insanely infectious smile, the intelligence, the wild sense of humor, and most of all You! It's ok to rest now--you deserve it.

Lynne Gludovatz-Caro, MI

Lynne Gludovatz - April 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ Lisa, my heart breaks for you, Chris Moore, family, and other close friends. I will treasure the short time we were able to spend with Carol and wish we had met you both long before last summer. I loved watching her master the paddle board from our beach on West Bay. She knew what she was facing in her battle with cancer, and I deeply admired her grit and determination. I asked her once if she was mad at God for this. She said no, not at all, many people have it so much worse than I do. I have thought about this many times since then. I ask myself, could I have been so generous? Carol was an amazing soul and she picked a beautiful life partner in you, Lisa. I am thankful to have known you both.

Cathie McCullough - April 08, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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“ Janis Berry lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



Janis Berry - April 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ My heart aches, we lost a beautiful soul. Once Carol was your friend, she was always your friend. Her smile was a bright light and was contagious. Carol was a warrior in many ways.

My prayers go out to Lisa and Carol's family for strength and peace.

RIP my dear friend. You will be dearly missed by many.

Janis Berry - April 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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“ Carols warm smile and goodness shined through!



**Kathy Mroz** - April 08, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ I only met Carol a few times when she would come downtown and stop into the show store with Lisa. What I remember most was her infectious smile that could light up and room. Our condolences to Lisa, her family, and her friends.

**Elizabeth Golden** - April 07, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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“ Loved being with you 2 at your wedding reception. So, so, sorry and sad.  
Love, Bob Braveheart and Keira

**keira duvernoy** - April 07, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ Georgia Sage lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Georgia Sage** - April 07, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Take it one day at a time!

**Georgia Sage** - April 07, 2020 at 05:54 PM

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“ Carol has a genuine warmth that made you feel instantly comfortable around her. She was always interested in others in a world where most are interested more in themselves. She will be deeply missed.



**leslee pearson** - April 07, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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“ She had that I already know you personality. I met her one time and I felt like I had known her for years. You could tell she could connect with many people. Her personality said it all. She will be missed by so many people who love her. Thinking of you Lisa and family.

**jennifer edson** - April 07, 2020 at 04:51 PM

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“ Always with a smiling Carol.



**Juan Suasto** - April 06, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ Carol was a great friend, we had great times watching football go Blue. I will miss her dearly. Love you

**Barbara Bowers** - April 07, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Ooooh Carol, I am sitting here reading your obituary, thinking of our years working together for Treasury, Local Government with huge tears in my eyes. You were a very patient person when teaching someone how to do something, and you and I shared many an email doing our "three stooges schtick" always trying to one up the other! lol...Rest high on that mountain my friend as your suffering and work here is done....God Bless

**Penny Ducat** - April 07, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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“ Kathy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Kathy Bowers** - April 06, 2020 at 10:32 PM

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“ Jackie Botsford lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Jackie Botsford** - April 02, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Pat, Mary Ann, Barb, Gary, Karen and Lisa, my heart aches for all of you. Carol was such a sweet and beautiful soul and will be missed by everyone she touched during her journey here on earth. She was a fighter and she demonstrated this to all that knew her, especially in these recent years.

She loved you all very much and wouldn't want you to be sad. She would want you to find strength and happiness in the many great memories each of you made with her.

Carol, may your soul rest in peace. I believe that God has accepted you with open arms for all the good you have done while on this earth. I love and miss you my friend!

**Jackie Botsford** - April 02, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Beautiful words Jackie, thank you so much

**Gary** - April 02, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ While I only worked with Carol for a short time at Treasury, we had a bond with our health issues. She was a kind, quiet, great lady. So happy she was able to be with the one she loved for the time she was gifted. She was a fighter. Prayers to her family. Jill Andreau

**Jill Andreau** - April 07, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Oh sweet Lisa.... I am so so sorry. Love you.

**Becky** - April 07, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ I just now saw Carol's obituary on television and while I knew she had been struggling for a long while, I just couldn't believe she had passed. I guess you could say I never knew Carol well, however, I knew her all of my life as the younger sister to my dear friend Barb. Carol was always such a kind and gentle soul. And as many of you have already said, her smile was infectious!

I know her life on earth made the lives of so many others, happier and more meaningful than they otherwise would have been.

To her dear Mom and Dad, Marianne and Pat, and to her sisters and brother, Barb, Gary and Karen, to her partner Lisa, and her beloved nieces, nephews and friends, my heart and prayers go out to all of you. May you find comfort in the loving memories you have of Carol and may it bring you peace to know she rests in the arms of the All Loving God until you are all reunited in Spirit.

My Deepest Sympathy and Love,

Cori Denay

**Cori Denay** - April 08, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Gayle Bartlette lit a candle in memory of Carol Marie Goslin



**Gayle Bartlette** - April 01, 2020 at 05:46 PM