



Carol Rebecca Hood

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Obituary

Carol Rebecca Hood was born Carol Bush in Villa Rica, Georgia to Juanita and John Bush on November 15, 1951 and died January 3, 2014, at the age of 63. She attended David Lipscomb College on an academic scholarship and majored both in English and biology. There she met Michael Hood and married at the age of 19. Two years later she had Matthew Hood, her first child who is a helicopter mechanic and pilot in West Palm Beach. After college she worked for Dr. Robert L. Summitt at the Child Development Center growing tissue cultures and doing chromosome analyses while Michael attended UT medical school in Memphis. After two years she taught English at White Haven Elementary School. Michael accepted a residency in family practice and the family moved to Bristol, Virginia. While there, she had Laura who is now Laura Poland. Quillen Medical School tried to start a genetics lab and after many months they were unsuccessful at growing tissue cultures. Carol was invited to help the lab become successful and after six months she had the tissue cultures growing and trained the staff to read and process the chromosomes. After that she decided she wanted to go to veterinary school and with the letters of recommendation from Dr. Summitt and Quillen Medical School she was successful at obtaining a position. Hence the family sought to move closer to the Veterinary School in Knoxville. Newport was only a temporary stopover for the family, but Michael and Carol fell in love with the area and put down strong roots. While attending the Veterinary School she won the Feline Practitioner Award for being the best student with cats. She opened her office on Hedrick Drive and began a long and successful veterinary practice. During that time she revived the PTA at Newport Grammar School, she became president of Natural Bridge Ruritan Club and had the idea of starting a Grad Fest Celebration for local high school graduates. She also began Habitat For Humanity in Cocke County and as its president, she helped build



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many houses. She also was a Girl Scout leader with Cynthia Woods Robinson and helped Michael with many of the outings where the two of them took scouts on backpacking trips. Both Michael and Carol became pilots and they flew their Cherokee Six on many adventures on ski trips and scuba diving trips as well as to Chicago and New York. They were also passionate about sailing. They were fortunate to have had two sailboats and the current boat is Godot, which is in a slip in Oriental, North Carolina. They have sailed the Florida Keys, the Virgin Islands, The Bahamas, the Chesapeake and Maine many times and have done much of the inland waterway. Both Michael and Carol were advance open water and deep divers but Carol was certified as a rescue diver, equipment diver, naturalist diver and night diver. Carol learned to dive before she could swim and afterward became an excellent swimmer. Of all the activities the couple enjoyed, backpacking and hiking were their favorites and Carol put her botany to use and knew all the woodland wild flowers in their colloquial and Latin names. She spent time drawing them and most recently had begun to learn colored pencil drawing to beautiful effect. She sold her practice to Dr. Sandra O'Conner after being asked to euthanize large numbers of animals at the local shelter. She felt a calling to rescue animals on a large scale and became the director of the shelter in Newport. While there she took a low animal save rate and turned it into a very high one. She did this with the help of the Friends of the Animal Shelter and the shelter's extremely hard working staff. She helped fund the animal shelter by giving up her salary during the third year and then by doing low cost spays and neuters for extra revenue. She also began Beat the Heat, an effort that has done 2000 or more spays and neuters at a low cost and picks up and delivers animals for folks that can't afford it otherwise. It operates out of Cedarwood, her old office which Dr. O'Connor moved from. Because of her service she received the Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievement Award (DIANA) presented by the collegiate service organization, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. This is an award presented to women who have according to ESA "unselfishly given of themselves to a remarkable degree in some area of service which benefits others; women who exemplify in their daily lives the wholesome and inspiring qualities of love faith and courage". Carol Hood and her husband were humanists. As humanists they supported



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all religious groups in the county, the arts, and service groups. They saw to the care and nurturing of children, pets and the citizens of Cocke County. They both felt these people to be the finest people in Tennessee and Tennesseans, the finest people in the country. Carol Hood leaves behind her husband Michael, her daughter Laura Poland, Laura's husband Gene and four grandchildren: Calvin, Rahli, Silas and Genevieve. She also leaves behind Matthew and Joslyn Hood in Orlando, Florida as well as her granddaughter, Jackson and a soon-to-be born grandchild Matthew and Joshlyn are expecting. She also held dear Ain Eccles, who is at Parsons Art School in New York City and Joshua Spiegel, grandchildren by marriage. She was loved and adored by them all. She especially was loved by Calvin, whom she took to the NASTAR nationals for the last two years where he won his age group as a snowboarder racer. Both Beat the Heat and Friends of the Animal Shelter have a 5013C and the family would prefer that donations be made to these two organizations in lieu of flowers. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Brown Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hood family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Carol Rebecca Hood, please visit our floral store.



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JM

John P. McKenzie posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Hood, her husband. Your wife, sir, was the finest of women. I am disabled and Dr. Hood came to my house to help me with my dogs. One day, the last day for two of my wonderful pets they were in such pain they broke out of the fenced yard and went down the mountain. Dr. Carol Hood went right down after them - all the way to the bottom of a ravine or holler and released my little Suzie from her earthly trials. Then Dr. Hood buried Suzie on the mountain. God bless you Dr. Hood. And God bless your husband and all that loved you.

February 3 at 7:00 PM

RR

R. J. Raibley posted:

It was a great personal honor and pleasure to have known Carol, a fellow rescuer, a friend and an extraordinary veterinarian. Carol would have recognized this little story immediately, <http://www.hbpr.org/Rescuer%27sRainbowBridge.htm> The Boston Terrier Rescue of East TN is honored to add her to Helen's List. http://bostonterriertn.org/Playbox/helen%27s_memorial_service_at_the_garden.htm joe

January 24 at 7:00 PM

RA

Rhonda Sue Arowood posted:

I WAS HER RAM HELPER AND PET GROOMER

January 16 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jimmy&Brenda Mayfield posted:

We owe so much to Dr.Carol Hood. For her help,kindness , true love and compassion she gave to our pets and us. She was the one we trusted as a Vet for our pets at first but then we looked at her as a friend. Our hearts will be forever thankful for the hugs and concern she shown during the sickness and passing of our pets. We also remember the joy she shown when all went well. We could only wished to live life as gracious and full as she had. If any one person ever danced (as the song says) We'd say "She Danced" and with a SMILE! Love Always To Her and Her Family! Sincerely Jimmy & Brenda Mayfield &Family

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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TH

Todd And Susan Harris posted:

in the short years we have been friends and neighbors we enjoyed getting to know everyone we loved carol smile and kindness she was fun to talk to we will miss her it was our honor to share in her life our thoughts and prayers to the Hood and Poland families

January 13 at 7:00 PM

AE

Arlene Eagle posted:

Thinking of the hundreds of lives you have touched and saved over the years. Particularly thinking of little Forrest who owes his life and ability to you and your staff. Will always hold you in a very special place in my heart. My sympathies are with your family for their loss.

January 13 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kathy Carroll posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss.

January 13 at 7:00 PM

AS

Andrea Smith posted:

I am so sorry for your loss.

January 13 at 7:00 PM

DS

Deborah Hilton, Friends Of The Animal Shelter posted:

Heaven has definitely gained an angel. I have had the opportunity to know Carol through volunteering at the Newport Animal Shelter and working with her at the RAM Clinics and assisting her at several rabies clinics. I have always had great admiration for this lady and her devotion to the welfare of all animals. She will be missed by many but her legacy will live on for a very long time.

January 13 at 7:00 PM



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LB

Lisa Ottinger And Allie Beaumier posted:

We are so sorry for the tremendous loss to your family and this community. Carol will be missed but never forgotten.

January 12 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jenifer Steele posted:

Carol was such an inspiration to many at the Newport Shelter. I loved her easy going ways, professionalism and concern for animals and people alike. Because of her work, many improvements have been made to the health, comfort and care of the animals. My deepest sympathy to the Hood family. I miss Carol her very much and she will be forever in my heart.

January 11 at 7:00 PM

KD

Kathy Dyer posted:

I was so sad to hear of Carol's passing. She had touched my life through Cocke County Habitat For Humanity. I was the first home owner, and was so blessed. Carol was a very special person and she had touched so many. Praying for the family during this time.

January 10 at 7:00 PM

LD

Lynnette And Randy Denton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hood family at this very sad time. May the cherished memories you have give you comfort and strength today and always.

January 10 at 7:00 PM

JH

Janice And Tifton Haynes posted:

Doors are open by our fireside to share memories of your dear one so loved in the world. She created love and magic wherever she went and made everyone's world brighter and bigger, kinder and full of hope. Can't imagine your sense of loss but know the world of beauty Carol knew will comfort you in many unique and personal ways now. Thank you for being part of our lives. Please stay connected and call if we can help you in any way. Calvin, come on over and I will throw you a football! (you might need to bring one with air in it!)

January 9 at 7:00 PM



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SM

Stella Melton posted:

It's exceedingly rare to have among us someone who leaves a legacy such as the legacy left by Dr. Carol Hood. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, her people-friends, and all of the furry friends she loved so much.

January 8 at 7:00 PM

KF

Kristy & Eddie Templin And Family posted:

Dr. Hood and Family, We are sorry to hear of the passing of Carol. Our community as well as your family has truly lost an extraordinary woman. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all.

January 8 at 7:00 PM

TF

Tammy Francis posted:

With our Sympathy Sometimes we can find the right words to say... Sometimes we can only stand beside one another and let our closeness say what words cannot. Please know that our hearts are with you... please know how much we care. Love & Prayers. Tammy, Jabo and Girls.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

RH

Randall & Anna Jane Holt posted:

We are so sorry for your loss may god bless all of the family

January 7 at 7:00 PM

NM

Nikki Shults Miller posted:

Laura, Mike & Family Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are thinking of you during this sad time. Her memory will live on through all the people & animals that she has helped. God Bless You all. Carroll, Nikki, Bryson & Morgan

January 7 at 7:00 PM

CP

Carol Panchyshyn posted:

Sorry for your loss. May you have many happy memories.

January 7 at 7:00 PM



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KB

Kevin And Teresa Bennett posted:

Our prayers and thought are with you.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

MM

Marcie Wilds-Mcmahan posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Carol truly made a difference in this world. The animals in Cocke County have lost their closest ally.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

GB

Gary & Tammy Banks posted:

Our deepest condolences from our family to yours.

January 6 at 7:00 PM

CW

Christy Winstead posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with this family. I know she will be missed. she was such a caring person when my cat Bubby was so sick she took such good care of him and cried with me when he died. I just hope he got to greet her in Heaven to welcome her there.

January 6 at 7:00 PM

EG

Elaine P. Gunter posted:

Dr. Hood, Laura, & Matt - You have my deepest sympathies in the loss of your wife & mother. Carol was a wonderful woman admired by everyone. I will be praying for all of you as you go through this trying time. Keep the faith. We serve a wonderful God. He will not put more on you than you & he can handle. Love you all. Elaine

January 6 at 7:00 PM

WL

Woody An Tura Lawson posted:

We are sorry for your loss.

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LD

Linnie Denton posted:

I am So very sorry for your loss.

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TR

Tom And Linda Rosberg posted:

Linda and I just learned of Carol's passing. Our thoughts and prayers to the Hood family. Carol was one of those remarkable people whose life made such a positive difference to animals...and to those who cared about animals. And to know Carol was to respect her for all of her contributions to the Cocke County community. Tom and Linda Rosberg .

January 6 at 7:00 PM

LR

Lisa Raines posted:

She was a wonderful lady, who loved all living things. She will be greatly missed.

January 6 at 7:00 PM

FS

Frances Standifer posted:

DR HOOD AND FAMILY. I PRAY THAT GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU DURING THIS HARD TIME. CAROL WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU. I PRAY HE WILL HEAL ALL OF YOUR BROKEN HEARTS. BUDDY S AND AUDREY T HUFF NEWPORT, T.N. DONNIE AND FRANCES STANDIFER AND GRANDCHILDREN, MORRISTOWN, T.N.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

DS

Doug & Joyce Shoemaker posted:

Our Deepest Sympathy Doug & Joyce Shoemaker

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MB

Maurice And Brenda Le Blanc posted:

Maurice and Brenda Le Blanc has sent an Expressions of Sympathy card.

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AM

Ashley & Barbara Morris posted:

Barbara and I were deeply saddened to learn of Carol's passing. We have fond memories of her infectious smile when she brought your grandchildren to our home on Halloween a couple of years ago; and her sharing tears of empathy with Barbara, Erin, and I when our beloved cat, Boots, had to be put to sleep by Carol many years ago. Her pleasant vitality was a constant inspiration. When there is love, any life is too short. She was truly a very special person, and she will be missed. God has another Angel to help him look after all the pets in Heaven. You and your family have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with His healing Mercy.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

KM

Katherine Morgan posted:

Dr. Hood was my inspiration and mentor while I volunteered at Newport Animal Shelter and now during my work with Beat The Heat Alliance, Inc. She always cared about the animals and her family and everyone she came in contact with. She was such a joy to know. Many, many prayers go to her family and friends. We will all miss you very much.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

PC

Prevent A Litter Spay/Neuter Clinic posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Hood's family. She will be greatly missed.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

TG

Todd Cummings & Brenda Grahl posted:

Our deepest sympathies to you, Doctor Hood. Our thoughts & prayers go out to you & your children during this very trying time. May God bless.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

YB

Yvonne Brooks posted:

Carol was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all.

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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RS

Rosa Sutton posted:

When someone special becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure. With deepest sympathy, Rosa Sutton and family

January 4 at 7:00 PM

LM

Libby Moore posted:

carol was an amazing lady with an infectious smile...my deepest condolences for your loss....

January 4 at 7:00 PM

DA

Doug, Elizabeth & Jace Ailor posted:

Please accept our condolences. Although we did not have the pleasure of meeting Carol, she sounds like a wonderful person who will be missed by many people and animals alike. Praying for your family during the difficult road ahead.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

MR

Mary Rollins posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sympathies to all the family. Mary Rollins

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carol by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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