

Carol Lou Firth Baxter

1934—2021

Celebration of Life Saturday,
January 29, 2022



Reception Following the Service

Thank you for coming. Please stay for a reception on the patio with family and friends, hosted by the family. Exchange your memories of Carol with one another and enjoy the photographs.

Memorial Contributions

Gifts in memory and honor of Carol may be made to the Heritage Fund, Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento.

Music for Gathering and Slide Show Erika Kraft, piano
F. Mendelssohn, Song without Words, Op. 19, #1; “Sweet Remembrances”

Family Processional “Calling my Children Home”
Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton, and Linda Ronstadt

Invocation Rev. Dr. Roger D. Jones

Lighting of the Chalice Charlotte Hovey, Lauren Hovey and Chase Baxter

Hymn #38 “Morning Has Broken”

Biography of Carol and Prayer of Gratitude

Musical Interlude E. Grieg, Arietta Op. 12, #1

Tribute Leslie Baxter

Musical Interlude C. Debussy, Prelude, “La fille aux cheveux de lin”

Eulogy Rev. Don Fado, lifelong friend

Hymn #159 “This Is My Song”

Minister’s Prayer

Benediction and Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude W. A. Mozart, Sonatina in C

Carol Lou Firth Baxter

In Loving Memory

July 5, 1934—January 26, 2021

Carol Lou Firth Baxter

Carol was born in Redding, California on July 5, 1934; she died of sudden heart failure on January 26, 2021, at the age of 86. Carol eloped in December 1953 with Frank Everett Baxter, Jr. Their 43-year marriage ended with Frank's untimely death in 1996. Carol enjoyed extra innings in the game of love when, in her 70s, she met Denny Hull. They were life partners for ten years. Carol is survived by her three children, Brook, Leslie and Dennis and grandchildren Chase, Jenna, Charlotte, Lauren, and Braden.

After graduating with high honors from UC Davis in 1975 with a degree in Environmental Design, Carol worked as an ASID accredited interior designer at Arktegraf in Sacramento. She was a creative force throughout her life, designing and making jewelry, textiles, furniture, ceramics and paintings, and earning awards in multiple media. Her family appreciated her creativity in the kitchen-- Carol was a terrific cook, and cultivated her garden to feed beloved family, friends and neighbors. Carol's philosophy about food and life in general was, "Abbondanza!"

Carol made exercise a priority. Few were surprised that on the day of her death, she had completed an aerobics class and logged 6,000 steps on her Fitbit. Carol lived a life of heart and love for her family, neighbors and friends to the very end. She will be interred in Redding Cemetery. —published in the *Sacramento Bee* February 20, 2021.



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