

Mrs. Carol Lynn Allen Kasper

Carol Lynn Allen Kasper, 45, of Camden, Conn., formerly of Clarksburg, passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer. She was the wife of Jim Kasper, her husband of 17 years.

Born Dec. 15, 1963, in Bethesda, she was the daughter of William A. "Bill" and Darlene Pruett Allen, both of Clarksburg. She graduated from Damascus High School in 1981 and attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where she graduated in 1985. She met her husband where she worked after college at Whittaker Bioproducts, Walkersville. They were wed in Adamstown on Sept. 28, 1991, and honeymooned in the United Kingdom.

In 1993, Carol and her husband relocated to Hamden. She held positions in a variety of businesses in the scientific and publishing fields, including Schooner Inc., New Haven, Conn., The Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk, Conn., The Taunton Press Inc., Newtown, Conn., and Bayer HealthCare, West Haven, Conn. She served on the board of directors of Schooner, where she conceived and ran the popular annual Wine Gala fundraising event. She was also a long-time volunteer at the Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport, Conn., and was an active member of First Lutheran Church, West Haven.



In addition to her volunteer activities, Carol enjoyed reading, watching classic films, gardening and cooking. She also enjoyed traveling, visiting Europe, Japan and the western United States. Carol was also a published author and playwright; a one-act play she wrote, "A Graceful End," was performed at the New Haven Arts and Ideas Festival. She spent most of her free time helping others, whether visiting the sick, collecting donations for her church's food bank, or just helping friends in need.

How do you capture Carol's love in a paragraph? All who knew Carol agreed that she was a warm, generous, loving person who cared more for others than herself. She touched the lives of many people and made the world a far better place by being in it. Without exception, people would immediately warm to Carol, and she could bring smiles to faces just by entering a room. She was a loving and devoted wife, and her husband is truly blessed to have had her choose him as her soul mate. Carol's influence will continue after her death: She has instructed her husband to create a foundation in her name in the greater New Haven area to fund educational efforts in science, the environment and the arts. Memories of Carol will be cherished forever by her husband, and Carol will be missed by all who knew her.

Surviving, besides her husband and parents, is her brother, Anthony Allen and wife, Tracey, and niece and nephew, Michael and Alexa Allen, all of Clarksburg; as well as her uncle, Frank Allen of East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Christ Lutheran Church, Rt. 27 and Davis Mill Road, Germantown. The church pastor, the Rev. Irvin F. Stapf Jr., will officiate.

Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

A memorial service in New Haven is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405.