



Carol A. Duane

December 2, 1941 - April 25, 2024

Carol A. Duane, 82, of Mentor, was born December 2, 1941 in Chicago, IL to the late Dr. Richard J. Lee and Isabelle L. Lee. Carol died April 25, 2024 at the David Simpson Hospice House, Cleveland, Ohio.

Carol grew up in Park Forest, IL. After high school, Carol moved to Seattle to attend the University of Washington, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry in 1962. She then transferred to The Ohio State University to complete her master's degree in Organic Chemistry, becoming the second of three generations of her family to hold a degree as a Buckeye.

During her post graduate studies at the University of Illinois, Carol literally ran into her husband, Warren, in a chemistry lab. They were married less than two years later. They moved to Boston where their first daughter, Rosanne, was born. The family eventually settled in Mentor, Ohio, where they welcomed their second daughter, Elizabeth.

After several years taking care of her young children, Carol returned to the world of chemistry working in the corporate chemical library of Diamond Shamrock Corporation. Carol stayed with the company over many years and changes of ownership. She retired from her position as Director of Library Services for Ricerca in 2002.

After retirement, Carol founded the business development company D&D Consultants of Mentor, of which she was president. She also served as the Executive Director of the Cleveland Engineering Society. But her love for chemistry led her to begin a more than 30-year stint volunteering for the American Chemical Society (ACS). She has held many leadership positions in the ACS, including as councilor of the Northeastern Ohio Local Section, chair and Strategic Planning Coordinator for the ACS National Division of Business Development & Management, chair of the ACS Committee on Committees, and chair of the Division of Chemical Information.

More recently, Carol helped establish the ACS Leadership Development System to create opportunities for others to take on leadership positions within the ACS and to promote national interest and understanding of chemistry in society. Carol played a major role in initiating the creation of the ACS Leadership Advisory Board and cochaired the Board Oversight Group on Leadership Development. She received many awards for her volunteer work, including the ACS Award for Voluntary Service in 2018 and in 2023, the ACS Division of Professional Relations Henry Hill Award for promoting, engaging, and preparing individuals to thrive in their chosen profession. Carol often expressed feelings of immense satisfaction from seeing chemists develop as leaders through the programs she helped to create, manage and run.

Carol loved to read; she would always share with anyone who asked what she was currently reading and also provided thoughtful insights, comments and critiques on each one. She loved mysteries and novels with strong female characters. It is a love she instilled in her daughters and shared with her husband, as well as many friends.

Always one for challenging her mind, Carol often did crossword puzzles, Sudoku and she was an excellent bridge player.

Later in life she and her husband were able to travel, seeing many of this country's best cities and some of Europe. She devoted herself to her entire family, her children as well as cousins of both she and her husband as well.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Warren C. Duane; children, Rosanne M. (Christopher Laukemann) Duane and Elizabeth N. Duane; grand-puppy, Winston; sister, Barbara (Bob) Schnaible (nee: Lee); brother-in-law, Drake D. Duane M.D. and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members.

Preceding Carol in death are her brother, Noel Lee and sister-in-law, Cynthia L. Fetsco.

A Celebration of Life will occur in July.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ACS Leadership Development Program by contacting ACS' gift administrator, Ms. Danette King, 202-912-3403. Donors can simply tell Danette that they want to make a gift in honor of Carol Duane. Alternatively, memorial contributions can be made to the Anderson Family Cancer Institute at Jupiter Medical Center, in honor of Carol Duane. Donate | Hospital Donations in Jupiter (jmcfoundation.org)

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

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“ Warren, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Jerry Mancino

Jerry Mancino - May 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Warren, Rosie and Beth,
So sorry to hear about Carol's passing. She certainly was one of a kind. We will never forget her and you from our wonderful Hallnorth days. Love Frank, Kathy, Erin and Adam.

Frank Tripi - May 06, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol A. Duane.



May 05, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Ross / MacLaren Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol A. Duane.

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