



## Carol Drexler

June 24, 1931 - September 21, 2023

Carol lived a lifetime of kindness, compassion and love. She left her body while in her home surrounded and cared for by her beloved friends and family.

Carol left her successful but unsatisfying career as a children's book editor in NY and obtained her master's degree in counseling, arriving in the Valley in 1974 as a new counselor at Everywoman's Center at UMass. Singing The Lesbian Tango in the lesbian-feminist musical review on stage at UMass made it clear she was gay, proud, and there to empower and inspire.

Her work as a psychotherapist in private practice spanned 50 years. Her own experiences of childhood wounds, risks of being gay in the 1950s and into the 70s, and the discrimination she experienced as a Jew and a woman were coupled with great empathy, courage and strength of heart, mind and spirit. She became a trusted witness and guide to those struggling to find their way home to an open heart and the fullness of their being.

Deeply spiritual she organized and led many large and small group gatherings to explore and support emotional and spiritual opening and transformation. Carol was a caretaker of both individuals and the larger Lesbian, feminist, spiritual communities throughout all the decades of her life including her last years.

Honored, respected and deeply beloved, Carol's legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were touched by the gift of her wisdom, the joy of her laughter, the depth of her understanding and the generosity of her love.

No memorial service or celebration is planned. Those wishing to honor Carol's life are invited to make a donation to a charitable organization supporting the safety, well-being and empowerment of women.

# Tribute Wall

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“ A mutual friend referred me to Carol after a difficult divorce in 2011 for comfort counseling and respite. With her loving heart and generous spirit she midwifed me over ten years through the challenging emotions and search for stability. Sending much love to you Carol. I am sure you are here with us all sending love.

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**Suzu Canter** - May 09, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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“ My name is Sharon Phennah. Carol and I were good friends in the 1990s until I moved to NC for 20 years. We kept in touch sporadically, and then, as life has it, we lost touch. However, I never lost my deep love and respect for her and her work and friendship. Back then, I did some portrait photography for a certificate course and Carol willing posed for me. I believe this is one of my photos. I came across several others, some matted, of her and began looking for her to see if she would like to have them. Then I discovered her obituary and how recent she made her transition. If any of her family are interested in these photographs, I would like them to contact me at: 252-259-1233 or [corgiridge@gmail.com](mailto:corgiridge@gmail.com) Thank you. Sharon Phennah

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**Sharon Phennah** - January 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM