



## Carol Mercer Plassman

January 18, 1940 - August 14, 2016

Carol Mercer Plassman, 76, of Austin, TX, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2016, peacefully in her sleep at her home. Carol was born January 18, 1940, in Centralia, IL, to Wilmer and Edna (Petrea) Mercer. She married Fred Plassman in Hamilton, Bermuda, in 1996. Carol and Fred have known each other since the sixth grade, but had gone our separate ways after high school. They renewed their friendship at their 35th high school class reunion in 1993. Carol never missed a high school class reunion. Carol graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1958 and the Margaret Hickey School for Secretaries (now Hickey College) in St. Louis. Later she attended Kaskaskia College. Carol was a flight attendant (then called a stewardess) for Continental Airlines (1963 to 1971) based in Chicago, IL (1963-65); Seattle, WA (1966-68); and Dallas, TX (1969-71). Later she worked as an executive secretary or administrative assistant for various companies in Dallas, Houston, and St. Louis. She finished her working career in 2005 as a medical transcriptionist while working for Texas Medical Liability Trust in Austin, TX. Carol loved to read, watch movies, work in the yard, cook, take international trips, classical music and her Labrador Retrievers. Carol particularly enjoyed her trips to India and her last international trip to Cuba. During their 20 years of marriage, the Plassmans visited 15 countries (Some countries more than once). Carol is survived by her husband of 20 years, Fred Plassman; her sister, Marcia Mercer of Centralia, IL; her brother, Gary (Kay) Mercer of Springfield, IL; her brother-in-law Gary Plassman of Round Rock,

TX and David (Brenda) Plassman of Shiloh, IL; her sister-in-law Jeanne Plassman of Round Rock, TX; step-children, Carol (Tator) Harrison of Pacific, MO, Cynthia (Darren) Heckman of Oklahoma City, OK, Christopher Plassman of Finksburg, MD, Carmen (David) Shanholtz of Westminster, MD; her nephews, Blaine (Rebecca) Corners of Prospect, TN, David (Angenette) Mercer of West Des Moines, IA; her nieces, Shannan Corners of Centralia, IL, Lynn (Michael) Carter of New Berlin, IL, Amy (Kevin) Park of Chatham, IL and her Labrador Retrievers, Barney and Gracie. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her brother-in-law, Curtis Plassman, and her Labrador Retrievers, Morag and Molly. The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Kasper, Donna Preble, Laura Merino at Texas Oncology; Donna Estes, Cindy Martinez at Grace Hospice, and Zeke Mendoza at The Home DME Company for their most helpful and compassionate assistance to the family during this difficult time. Per Carol's wishes cremation rites have been accorded and a graveside service will be held Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Romine Prairie Cemetery with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Austin Humane Society, 124 W Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your Loss, I remember her fondly, best wishes. Frances Kay Jones Read.

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**Frances Jones Read** - September 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I was thinking about Carol recently, and I was wondering what fabulous trips she and Fred had done or planned for 2016. I always enjoyed hearing about their travels. I was very shocked to hear about her death for I had not even known she was ill. I have known Carol all my life and although we haven't stayed in touch I have always thought of her from time to time and wondered what she was doing. My thoughts go out to her family and my sympathy is with them in this difficult time.

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**Judy Lender** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Prayers for family.

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**Barbara Reichenbach Beaumont** - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ So very sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She had the smile to light up any room. My memories of Carol go back to high school. Fred, my sincere sympathy for your loss.

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**Danny Parker** - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our monthly luncheons just will not be the same without Carol! We have been eating together nearly as long as the two of you were married! So many, many fond memories!! We got to enjoy your travels through her tales almost as much as the "real" trip! Our lives were so enriched by her friendship and caring heart. She will be so missed by so many! Our hearts are saddened! With our deepest sympathy.

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**Nancy & Ales** - August 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ It's been delightful living next door to Fred and Carol for the past many years, and it saddens our hearts to lose Carol as a friend and neighbor. I'll especially miss our frequent toasts with our wine glasses over the fence in the evenings. I'll continue to toast Carol with fun memories of her and her four-legged babies.

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**Candice McCollom** - August 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Carol Mercer Plassman. We lived in the same neighborhood through our school years. She was always very nice and friendly.

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**John Reichenbach** - August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM