



Robert Greg Carlson

November 17, 2018

Robert Greg Carlson died on Saturday, November 17, 2018 in Sarasota, Florida after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Dr. Wendy Jacobs, and their daughter, Zadie Jacobs-Carlson. Greg is also survived by his two sisters, Marsha Carlson Fottler (Robert) and Kate Carlson Bennett (Bruce Knauff), and his sisters-in-law Dr. Beth Jacobs (Janet Gresham), Ilene Denton (David), and Pamela Rhodes (Ken). Greg is also remembered with love by his many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Greg was born in Boston, Massachusetts to a military family and moved to central Florida when he was six. He graduated from Winter Park High School, University of Florida and he additionally earned an MLS degree at San Jose State University in California. Most of his career was spent as a library professional, but four years ago he became an administrator at the Salvation Army in Sarasota.

Greg was an avid chess player, soccer fan (Tottenham Hotspurs), enthusiastic gardener, constant reader and intrepid fisherman. He also was an adventurous home cook/grill master delighting and occasionally horrifying dinner guests with his internationally-based innovative cuisine. Most of all he loved his family and his greatest joy was spending time with them. He lived a full life and it ended too soon.

Memorial service is Sunday, November 25 at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, 1050 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237. Greg believed in the power of philanthropy. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, gifts made to the charity of choice honor his memory and lift us all.

Tribute Wall

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“ In 1987 I walked into the offices of the ASPIRE program at San Jose State University for the orientation to my new part-time job as an academic tutor to returning (older) students. I was soon joined by the other new tutor, some curly-haired guy named Greg who had just started a graduate degree program in Library Science. We hit it off right away. After tutoring sessions we'd go have a beer, talk politics and philosophy and social activism. A couple of years later I too enrolled in the MLIS program. We are saddened by Greg's passing but he is not gone, not really. The ripples and swirls, the currents and eddies of his influence and insights persist in all of us who had the great fortune to flow with him, at least for a little while. I will look for you on the water my friend, and listen for you in the wind. - Michael and Dawn Nanfito.

Michael Nanfito - January 02, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. May his memory always be a blessing.

Lisa Kleinberg - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wen,
The world is small today...
I am in London as I write. More specifically, I'm in the "Tottenham" section of town where the "Spurs" are, no doubt, cheering Greg on. It can be no coincidence that his Team has a Foundation here whose mission is to "create opportunities that change lives." At Percy House, the Foundation provides job and vocational training, health care, education, community development, and sports programs for the locals of Tottenham. Internationally, the Spurs partner with SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES, the largest international charity dedicated to the care of orphaned and abandoned children who cannot live with their parents. Their slogan and mission is one you and Greg have embraced daily: "a loving home for every child." The charity works in the spirit of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and supporters have included Stephen Hawking, Nelson Mandela, The Dalai Lama, and, now, Greg Carlson. It will be my honor to make a donation in Greg's name at the Tottenham Foundation before I leave London, and, because the world is small today as I mentioned, I will send you and Greg and your family my prayers when I arrive at the UN in Geneva tomorrow. There is a beautiful little prayer room there which carries the energy and blessings of the world. I know they will find you and be with you always.
Katie

Katie Kirwin - November 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family and praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Mala (Harisis) Barnes WPHS Class of 78 - November 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Winter Park High alumni and the class of 1978 would like to express their condolences to the family.

November 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences, Greg was a wonderful person.

Adam Tebrugge - November 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Wendy and Zadie, we were so sorry to hear this sad news. Our thoughts and hearts are with you.
Allison, Andy, Kaila and Daniel Cohen

November 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Pullmans - November 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Pullmans - November 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Wendy,

My parents just shared this news with me. I send my deepest condolences to you, and to your and Greg's families. May your memories of Greg, and the love of family and friends, be a comfort to you now and always.

Natalie Salzman Dickter

Natalie Dickter - November 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM