



Carol Lee Mangano

May 1, 1948 - January 3, 2023

Carol Lee Mangano, 74, an retired arts executive, passed away January 3, 2023 after an 8-year fight against lung cancer. She was born May 1, 1948 in Saratoga Springs, New York to the late Carl and Betty (Smith) Mangano.

Carol graduated with a B.A. from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York and a Masters from New York's Fordham University.

Her first major job was sales at the Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Center in New York where her knowledge and passion for dance, especially ballet, was integral to New York City Ballet's summer residencies there.

Upon moving to Washington, D.C. she became head of sales for the historic Ford's Theatre working closing with its chairman Frankie Hewitt.

Later on, Carol became Director of Sales for the National Symphony Orchestra. Upon its 1986 merger with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Carol took over as Director of Sales and Services for the Center overseeing myriad departments that dealt with some 3,000 performances a year.

She retired to Lakewood Ranch in 2002 from Silver Spring, Maryland. Carol enjoyed reading and exploring the expansive cultural and social events that Sarasota offers.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 45 years Leslie Netze and her many friends and colleagues.

Tribute Wall



“ For some reason, Carol popped into my head today. I worked with her at the Kennedy Center in the 90s. Carol was was a consummate professional, and she was always respectful and kind... not traits that everyone there had. I hope you see this, and I am sorry for your loss.

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