



## Carol Ann Pond

September 21, 1942 - April 7, 2026

Carol Ann Pond, 83, passed away April 7, 2026 in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. She was born September 21, 1942 to the late Howard and Rosella Bowers in Appleton, Wisconsin. Carol was a resident of the Sarasota area since 2001.

Carol was known as the “Life of the Party.” She was the ultimate prankster and had a great sense of humor, and enjoyed having a cocktail. She also enjoyed her “Shake of the Day.” Her fun filled spirit lived with the motto “Be kind, laugh, and pay it forward.” She especially loved working behind the counter at Pond Sports Shop in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Left to cherish Carol’s memory are her husband of 61 years, Charles; daughter Pamela Zandy and her husband Rick; grandson Colin Charles Zandy; siblings Barbara Waldhart and her husband Richard, Mary Ellen Eggert and her late husband Robert; Joseph Bowers and his wife Patti, Richard Bowers and his girlfriend Lori; nieces Debbie, Linda, Andrea, Rebecca, Bridget and Heather; and a grand-dog Yogi.

Memorial contributions may be made in Carol’s honor to Empath Tidewell Hospice online at [www.tidewellhospice.org](http://www.tidewellhospice.org)

Memories and condolences can be left for the family at [www.MFHCares.com](http://www.MFHCares.com)



# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Lots of memories going back to St. Joseph Grade School together!! And her Mom cutting my hair! May memories of happy times bring a smile to your faces God bless! Char (Diedrick) Steenis

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**Charleen (Diedrick) Steenis** - April 15 at 06:43 PM

PL

“ My sympathies go out to Pam, Charlie and the rest of the family. Carol was a wonderful person and Dennis and are sad about her passing. I had lost touch with Carol, Charlie and Pam over the years, but I fondly remember the privilege of getting to know both Carol and Charlie and Pam, when I babysat for her. Pam and Charlie and family, you are in my and Dennis thoughts and prayers. Love, PJ

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**Pam Lehmann** - April 13 at 11:37 PM

KB

“ Charlie,  
On behalf of all the McGinnis kids, we are sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. We remember her from all the trips we made to Ponds for our yearly pair of tennis shoes. I am sure with the six of us marching into the store all those years ago, it might have been overwhelming. We send our condolences to you and your family. Sending all our love,  
Kelly, Brian, Kerry, Mark, Scooter, and our sister Molly McGinnis.

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**Kerry McGinnis Brockmann** - April 13 at 08:50 PM

LM

“ *Charlie and Pam  
So sorry to hear about Carol's passing She was a special kind of  
person. Had some great times. May she RIP now free from pain.  
Our sympathy to the entire family  
Dick and Lynn Miller*

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**Lynn Ann Miller** - April 10 at 09:46 PM

JK

“ *Dear Pam and Charlie. I can't tell you how sad I am to hear of  
Carols death. God welcomed her with open arms I don't know how  
to explain grief but all I can say is say is we are passing through to  
better times god be with you and praying for your peace in this  
difficult time*

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**judy koehnke** - April 10 at 06:10 PM

EB

“ *Carol was my godmother, and I loved her dearly. Some of my  
earliest memories are of visiting Pond Sports Shop, and I also  
treasured stopping by to see her when she worked in the gift shop  
at the hotel on College Ave. She was such a light—always fun to be  
around.*

*Even when she was in Florida and I was back in Wisconsin, we  
stayed connected, sending each other birthday and Christmas cards  
every year. She will be deeply missed, and I'm grateful that she is  
no longer in pain.*

*I will continue to pray for Charlie, Pam, Colin and Rick. May God's  
peace and presence surround them and bring them comfort in their  
grief.*

*Emily Berger*

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**Emily Berger** - April 08 at 09:08 AM

JU

*Julie, What a tribute to Carol! You truly knew her as I did. Carol & I have been friends for many years & our parents before us. I finally shed tears after reading your wonderful message. Judy Oberweiser*

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**judy** - April 08 at 05:52 PM

JU

*Angela, I know you also had many times with Pam, Carol & Charlie. Cherish those memories. I think both Carols are probably getting together for a drink by now! Both Carols were Dear Friends of mine! And I will miss them always! Judy Oberweiser*

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**judy** - April 08 at 05:56 PM

SB

*Carol and I have been friends since we were in 6th grade in Appleton, WI. She was my maid of honor in our wedding 62 years ago and kept in contact even after my husband and I moved from Appleton. We sent Christmas cards, birthday cards and phone calls during all of these years and what I loved most was being able to pick up a conversation and share memories and laughs as if no time had passed. Carol was FUN! I give thanks for her life and know you, Charlie and Pam and family will remember the joy she brought to so many. Cherish those memories.as they bring warmth and healing in the days ahead. Blessings to all of you, Sue (DeYoung) Burton*

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**Sue Burton** - April 09 at 06:32 PM

SD

*Rest in peace Carol my friend.  
Sue (Hurley) Dailey*

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**Sue Dailey** - April 09 at 06:57 PM

JC

*We will miss Carol very much, who has been our wonderful Sarasota next door neighbor and dear friend for many years. Our deepest sympathies to Charlie and family.*

*Jan and Patti (Ottawa, Canada)*

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**Jan Cheney** - April 10 at 03:53 PM