



Carl Richard Betz II

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He married Sheilah Jewart in 1970, and they had two children, Forest and Colin. Carl and Sheila later divorced.

Throughout his life, Carl's passion was writing. When he moved to Corvallis in 1995, he became well known in the local writing community for both his prose and poetry. He participated in writing groups and made several public presentations of his work.

Carl's other passion was talking. He never met conversation he didn't like.

Sadly, in 2003, Carl suffered a stroke that left him in a wheelchair and took away nearly all his ability to write and speak, yet he continued to live an active and meaningful life for another 16 years at Stoneybrook Assisted Living.

Carl will be sadly missed by his family.

Carl was preceded in death by his son, Colin.

He is survived by his daughter, Forest; his grandsons, Ferris and Nikolai; his brothers, Alan and Marc; his niece, Hazel; and nephew, Simon.

His family will hold a Celebration of Life and Words at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. All are welcome. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 2:30 PM (PT)

Corvallis- Benton County Public library
645 NW Monroe Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ *Carl sat across from me in class at West High School. I could tell he was a unique and gifted person. He was the nicest boy I ever met and I am so sorry he passed away.* ”



Susanne Martin Scher - May 22, 2025 at 05:43 PM

MB

“ Carl Richard Betz passed away in Corvallis on September 1, 2019, at the age of 76.

Carl was born in Toledo, Ohio, January 11, 1943 to Carl Richard and Ruth (Rehder) Betz. His early years were spent in Park Ridge, Illinois. In 1958, he and his family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he graduated from West Phoenix High School. He then went to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona where he earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in history in 1967 and 1968, respectively. Carl was a child of the sixties, and embraced the hippie attitude, colorful clothing, jewelry and long hair for the rest of his life.

Carl married Sheilah Jewart in 1970, and they had two children, Colin and Forest. Carl and Sheila later divorced.

Carl's true calling was working with children. Over several decades, he worked in public schools, child development centers, residential treatment centers and child care. In Atlanta, Georgia, he was a long-time lead teacher at Phoenix School, beloved by both parents and children.

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Sadly, in 2003, Carl suffered a stroke that left him in a wheelchair and took away nearly all his ability to write and speak. He turned to drawing and touring Corvallis by bus and motorized wheelchair, continuing to live an active and meaningful life for another sixteen years at Stoneybrook Assisted Living.

Carl will be sadly missed by his family. Carl was preceded in death by his son, Colin. He is survived by his daughter, Forest; his

grandsons Ferris and Nikolai; his brothers Alan and Marc; his niece, Hazel and nephew, Simon. His family will hold a Celebration of Life and Words on Sunday, September 22nd, at 2:30, at the Corvallis Public Library.

Marc Betz - September 12, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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Marc Betz - September 12, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ A Celebration of Life and Words -- because Carl was all about words -- will be held at the Corvallis Public Library main meeting room on Sunday, September 22nd, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We will share memories of Carl, and many examples of his writing. All are welcome.

Marc Betz - September 09, 2019 at 03:42 PM

MB

“ Naturally I am sad at the loss of my brother Carl, but I take comfort in the fact that he left on his own terms. I believe Carl decided he had struggled long enough and the time had come to shuffle off this mortal coil. His death was peaceful.

The best way to know Carl is through his writing, so the link below takes you to a shared Google Docs folder where I will be putting examples of his writing. You will find that Carl shines through, like you were sitting around enjoying a lively conversation with him.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lz1GYax6lQjpXWDIt3nmKJP8RCN23jPI>

We will hold a remembrance for Carl sometime in the next two or three weeks. You can revisit this space to learn the time and place, and we will be letting it be known in other ways as well.

Marc

Marc Betz - September 05, 2019 at 10:25 PM

KM

My son had Carl as a preschool teacher at Phoenix School in Atlanta, and he was an amazing teacher for the kids. I have examples of his writing, as he wrote down stories of what the "Bambinis" were doing from day to day. For some reason, I sat down to look through the stories the other day, prompting me to search for him. I am sorry for your loss.

Kathleen Masterson

Kathleen Masterson - March 09, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ Welcome to this site in the memory of my brother Carl. Sometime in the near future we will share a time and date to meet and remember him. The best way to remember and appreciate the good man he was is through his writing. Since I see no way to upload documents to this site, below is a link to a Google Docs shared folder, where I will put examples of Carl's writings. If this does not turn into a clickable link when I click SHARE, as it should, copy and paste it into your browser's address bar. Enjoy.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1lz1GYax6lQjpXWDIt3nmKJP8RCN23jPI>

Marc Betz

Marc Betz - September 04, 2019 at 07:11 PM

MP

I miss seeing him around. Carl was a very good and interesting person, who I really liked a lot. And yes, his writing is wonderful. Please do publish it. I wish he could have lived to see it published.

Marie Parcell - September 06, 2019 at 04:31 PM