



## Caroline Julia Earle

September 6, 1970 - January 16, 2023

Caroline Julia Earle (Sweet Caroline) was born to Gary and April Burke Earle at Fort Knox, Kentucky on Sept. 6, 1970.

She attended Gresham High School and was a member of their softball team. She also played for Gresham Little League.

While living in Gresham, she made many life long friends which includes Shellie Turner. After attending Linn-Benton College, she worked for Clackamas County for many years.

She is survived by her parents and loving sister Laura Earle Kasper, her nephew Hunter, and niece Pearl Kasper also of Corvallis, and Cousin Terri Laka of West Chicago, IL who Caroline shared a love of the Chicago Cubs. She is also survived by her Grandmother June Burke of Corvallis and Aunt Bonnie Hendren of Newport OR, Aunt Candice Cull of Corvallis, OR and Aunt Darian Seibt of Forest Grove, OR and many cousins.

Please leave your condolence messages for the family below.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Care when she was 17, and I must have been 20. I had moved to Gresham from Hood River to attend MHCC. She was this rocker chick, getting her 1st tattoo in my good friends' Tiffini and Andrea's living room. She was into Guns & Roses, Billy Idol, Metallica and Judas Priest. She was a jock, also, excelling in softball. I introduced her to her 1st husband JoJo. We remained friends, in fact, she was my best friend, for 35 years. It's taken me until now to write on here. My heart still hurts, I thought it'd get better with time. It hasn't. I think of her all the time, every day. I still cry, as i miss her terribly. She was my sound board, my voice of reason, and I loved her like a sister. I can still feel her holding my hand, and those huge hugs that only she could give. She was hilarious, so dang funny! Quick witted, she always spoke the truth to me. There will never be another Chmel-Care (she would understand that). The world lost a good one, the best one on the day she left this plane. I feel she watches over me today, I still talk to her, she still comforts me. Love you Sweet Carolina Moon. Rest In Peace. Say hi to Lucky and Donnie for me. 🥺❤️☀️🌙

Michele Bailey (Miller) - April 25, 2023 at 02:55 PM

AE

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April Earle - April 05, 2023 at 08:43 PM

EB

“ I'm so sorry to the entire Earle family for your loss. I too played softball with Caroline in Little League and in High School. She was an amazing ball player and someone I looked up too!! She was tough as nails on the field and I always wished I could be half the player she was!! Playing softball in Gresham Little League back then was a great time and Caroline along with her dad Gary were a big part of that!! Every time I hear the song "Sweet Caroline" it takes me back to Donna Maria's after AllStar games, eating pizza and listening to that song on the jukebox. Sweet Caroline, I hope you are at peace now. Love, Eli Bracelin (Edeline)

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**Eli Bracelin** - February 16, 2023 at 03:24 PM

JJ

“ Caroline, our sweet Care! We became friends when we were 15 and were bound at the hip for many years. She was in my wedding too! Some of the best times in my life was with Care. I'm happy to have known her and had her in my life. While I'm sad she's gone, she'll always live on in my heart. 0 to 60 in 15 minutes! 😊 Care would crack up at that inside joke. Sending love and hugs to the Earle family.



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**Jason Jones** - February 11, 2023 at 12:27 PM

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“ When I graduated from college in 1967 and left for New Jersey then Boston, Gary went into the Army, married April, had Caroline then left for Oregon. Oregon is about as far from Boston in the US as you can be. One of my biggest regrets was that I was never able to follow the Earle Girls growing up in Corvallis. What a treat it would have been. On our coast, Molly and I were busy raising our own two girls (Meegan and Danielle) who were born about 7 years after Caroline and Laura. Gary and I finally reconnected at our 45th Wheaton HS reunion around 2008. Gary and April updated us on their wonderful daughters. Molly and I cannot begin to imagine the grief you face when you lose a daughter or a sister. I do know that April and Gary raised two strong, kind and beautiful women. Caroline courageously battled head-on and endured a relentless, devastating disease for decades with dignity. The world surrounding Care was made a far better place in the time she was here. I know Molly and I will keep her in our prayers and our memory, particularly each time they play Sweet Caroline in Fenway Park. May eventual peace be with the Earle family.  
Steve and Molly LeMott

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**Steve and Molly LeMott** - February 10, 2023 at 10:10 PM

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“ Caroline and I played softball together competitively. She was a fierce competitor and one I respected. I was coached by her dad Gary who would sing sweet Caroline to her in the car on road trips playing in tournaments. These times playing softball with her were some of the best times I had as a kid. She was a very special part of this time. She was bright, smart and an incredible athlete. I always wondered what happened to you Caroline and missed your family. God bless and keep you. Love, Kristi (Scales)

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**Kristi Shepherd (Scales)** - February 09, 2023 at 06:16 PM

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“ *My sweet beautiful cousin Caroline. I have so many fun memories from our youth. From us playing board games when I babysat you to all the summer pool parties to our sleepovers and the stories we shared. Our best conversations were during our phone calls talking about cats and of course the Cubs! We screamed with joy when they took it all!! I will miss the joy in your voice and laughter. I will miss your humor. But I will love you always. T*

terri laka - January 22, 2023 at 01:53 PM

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April Earle - January 22, 2023 at 12:58 PM

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*Love this*


Kristi Shepherd (Scales) - February 09, 2023 at 06:19 PM

EB

*Great Picture!!*

Eli Bracelin - February 16, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SK

“ Where to begin, Care & I have been friends since Freshman year High School. We had an instant connection, even though we were polar opposites. From the food we liked, the sports we played/watched, to the movies & TV shows we enjoyed. During High School outings I'd need to get Taco bell & she would want chocolate chip cookies. She loved Billy Idol & I loved the Country group Alabama. But even though we had our differences we remained best friends for over 40 years. Yes, she was always full of compliments & never did I hear her complain about her medical issues. Over the last 10+ years she loved living her simple life with her best bud Lucky then recently Wild Wrigley. We were able to go to the beach this past September to celebrate her 52nd birthday. Although it was very sunny & she'd prefer it more gray, she was grateful she had the chance to see the Ocean. Yesterday, Neil Diamonds song "Sweet Caroline" came on the radio & even though I always thought of her when I heard that song it will hold an even greater place in my heart now. I will miss you long time my best friend. Love you forever 

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**Shellie Knight** - January 21, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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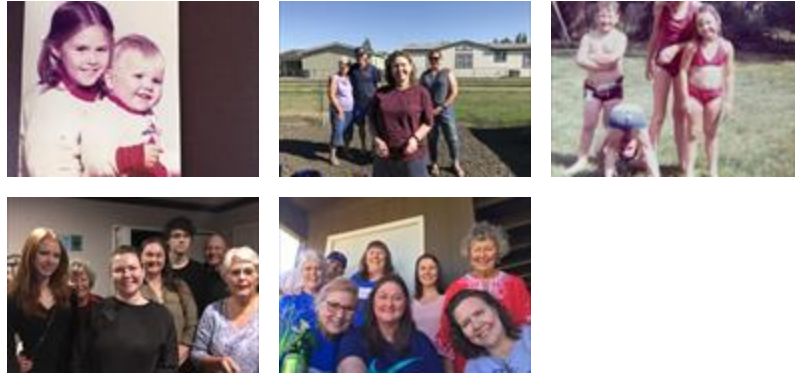
“ Every time I saw that sweet woman. She always, always had something nice to say like "you look great, I love your hair! " She never once complained and was always a ray of sweet light. Love you, and miss you Care. Aunt Candy

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**Candice Cull** - January 21, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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**April Earle** - January 21, 2023 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Caroline was the most generous person I know. Mom*

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**April Earle** - January 21, 2023 at 01:09 PM