



Candace C. Backus

May 22, 1944 - August 20, 2010

Candace Carlucci Backus, age 66, died in her home in Easton, MD on August 20, 2010. She touched numerous lives within the Skidmore College community and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland through her service and contributions with many civic organizations. She had ovarian cancer.

Most notably, Candy served on the Board and was past President of Easton Daycare Center, on the Board and past President of Hospice of Talbot County and a trustee of Academy of the Arts. She became program administrator of the Grayce B. Kerr Fund in 1994 and also served as a trustee of the Fund from 1996 to 2000. She served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum from 1999 to 2005 and again from 2008 and 2009. While on the Board of the Museum, Candy was Chair of the Development Committee in 2002, the Education Chair from 2003 through 2005 and more recently a member of the Finance and Governance Committees. In 1998 she co-founded the Museum's "Boating Party", the most important annual fundraiser event for the Museum, and continued to be actively involved in the event for 12 years serving as Chair in 2001 and Co-chair in 2002, 2007 and 2008.

She, also, was a member of the Harbor Club and an active member of the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore.

Candy was a 1966 graduate of Skidmore College with a physical education major. As a student she was president of the athletic association and a member of the executive board of the College Governing Association. Upon graduation she taught in Niskayuna School District, Niskayuna, NY, for eight years 1966-1973. She began an 11 year career at Skidmore in 1974; serving as assistant director of admissions in 1974-76 and then as executive director of the Alumni Association and Director of Alumni Affairs for nine years (1976-1985), retiring in 1985. The Candace Carlucci Award was established at Skidmore in 1985. The award is presented annually to a member of the College's graduating class who best demonstrates the qualities that Candy brought to her Skidmore endeavors - leadership, dedication, commitment to goals, energy and enthusiasm, and interest in Skidmore's alumni affairs and development program. She was the recipient of Skidmore's Outstanding Service Award in 1996, and continued to contribute to her alma mater as a volunteer. She served on the alumni nominating committee 1999-2002, the leadership gifts task force 1989, the Friends of the President committee 1988-89, awards committee 1985, class president 1987-91, club president 1986-90, and Reunion Fund chair 1986, among other roles.

Candy married Cecil F. Backus, Jr. in 1986, making their home in York Harbor, ME. While residing in York Harbor, Candy was Chair of "Auction in the Meadows" to benefit Old York Historical Society. They resided in York Harbor until 1990, moving to "The Rest" along the Miles River, Easton, MD. With Cecil's unwavering support, she became active in numerous civic organizations in Easton. In 2002 Candy and Cecil launched a new enterprise, "Silent Sous", baker of custom cakes, which continued through the end of 2009.

She was predeceased by her parents, Carl P. and Jane C. Carlucci of Muncy, PA. She is survived by her husband, Cecil, a brother, C. Peter Carlucci, Jr. and his wife, Trish, of Carlisle, PA, a sister, Cynthia C. Hengstenberg and her

husband, Ted, of Waitsfield, Vt., and six nieces and nephews, Amy C. Wu, of Farmington, CT, Kate Aquilino of Huntington, NY, C. Peter Carlucci, III, of Columbia, SC, Anthony F. Cirelli, Jr. of Huntington, NY, Sharon L. Carlucci, of Weed, CA, and Jane A. Cirelli, of Oyster Bay, NY, and a grandniece and two grandnephews.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2010, beginning at 11:30 am at Christ Episcopal Church, St. Michaels, MD. A reception will follow on the campus of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, PO Box 636, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Skidmore College, Office of Advancement, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; or Prevent Cancer Foundation, Attn: Brooke McGee, 1600 Duke St., Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Easton, MD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Candace C. Backus*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Candace C. Backus*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Candace C. Backus*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Backus:*

So sorry to hear of your wife's death. We worked on a project for the class years ago in which we sent out questionnaires to the members. She was so competent and so much fun. She left a fine legacy.##imported-begin##Jane Drees Blando Skidmore '66##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear about Candy. She is such a wonderful champion for the community and so supportive. I will miss her but am appreciate of our relationship thru the years. May God's special peace thru family and friends sustain you all during this time. Thank you for sharing Candy with us.##imported-begin##Addie Eckardt##imported-end##*

September 09, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ Cecil, Our deepest sympathies to you at this time. I didn't know Candy for long but I know that she was a wonderful person, She will really be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Paula Ebling-Craig and Family##imported-begin##Paula Ebling
Craig##imported-end##

September 07, 2010 at 11:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Cecil, Cynthia, Peter and all of the family and friends. Candy was a beautiful shining star. Her energy and smile were infectious. Candy has given us much to be grateful for and she will live on in each of you. Sending you my prayers. I will be there in spirit on the 10th! I do love the Eastern Shore.
XXOO##imported-begin##Cassie Isabelle##imported-end##

August 27, 2010 at 01:43 PM



“ John and Joanne Eisenhower join all who knew and now grieve for the loss of our friend, Candace Backus. We knew no one brighter, friendlier, more able or more giving.##imported-begin##John and Joanne Eisenhower##imported-end##

August 27, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ I was a classmate at Muncy High School. Sorry to hear of her passing.##imported-begin##James I Mathers##imported-end##

August 26, 2010 at 07:19 AM



“ I haven't seen Candy since high school. Nevertheless, I remember her very well. She was a good leader, and and full of fun. Although we lost touch over the years, it is sad to hear she passed away at such a young age. I am very sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Sheridan##imported-begin##cheryl sheridan##imported-end##

August 25, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of Candy`s death. She was a wonderful person and a great personality. Our families grew up together in rural Pennsdale,PA and became close friends. There are many fond memories that endure but none is stronger than the bond between Candy Carlucci, Linda Stein, and our sister Jannie Young;they were never far apart. Out thoughts and prayers are with Cecil, Peter, Cynthia, andTrish. We hope that you are all doing OK. Sincerely, John M. Young

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.##imported-begin##john m. young##imported-end##

August 25, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ My deepest symapthy to Candy's family. I, too, rode the same school bus with my brother, Paul Herman and Candy, and have many fond memories of her upbeat spirit through the years. Blessings,
Marilyn (Herman) Dunkle##imported-begin##Marilyn Dunkle##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 02:14 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Candy's family and friends. Candy and I rode the same school bus, started school together at Pennsdale and graduated together at Muncy. Life was never dull with Candy's wit and humor. Paul Herman###imported-begin##PAUL HERMAN###imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 01:40 PM



“ To the family and friends of Candy Carlluci, my friend and high school classmate, I extend my deepest and sincere sympathy.

After college and the military, I lost contact with Candy, but the memories of the parties we had and all the good times will live on forever in my mind.

*Again, with sympathy,
Gary Rager, MHS '62###imported-begin##Gary Rager###imported-end##*

August 24, 2010 at 10:53 AM



“ Candy was a very special colleague and friend for some forty years. The laughs, the fun, the hard work, the tears, the travels, the good works and her tenacious spirit will remain always in my heart. Dugan and I send our kindest thoughts to Cecil and her family.###imported-begin##Lynn Doe Shipway###imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 10:25 AM



“ Candy was a member of my graduating class in Muncy, PA. My heartfelt sympathy to her family members.##imported-begin##Marjorie (Webster) Danley##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ Dear Cecil, Cynthia, Peter and Trish,

We are terribly sorry for your loss. Candy brought light and energy into every room she ever entered. You will miss her as will we.##imported-begin##Joan Kleinrock & Family##imported-end##

August 23, 2010 at 07:26 PM