



Carole Sue Simon

August 15, 1963 - July 14, 2021

Carole/Shadow

partner, wife, best friend, trivia queen, storm anchor, cancer conqueror, world builder, filk composer, Broadway encyclopedia

Carole Sue "Shadow" Simon died unexpectedly on the evening of July 14, 2021, due to complications from her successful fight against breast cancer. She was 57 years young. Shadow was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2020 and would have received her final chemotherapy treatment the day following her death.

Carole was adopted at birth on August 15, 1963, by Arthur and Wilma (Warnick) Simon. She is preceded in death by both parents and Aunt Harriet Warnick, and survived by her wife, Jennifer Schmidt, and a plethora of friends and extended relations.

Carole graduated from Sharpstown High School in the top 10% of her class and attended University of Texas, working towards a Liberal Arts degree. Her younger years were filled with drama--Theater Under the Stars youth programs, teen theater productions at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, high school drama classes, and dance classes. In later years, she took that creativity and love of acting into table-top and online RPG games and expanded it into creating worlds and running them for her friends.

If you asked Shadow, she met Jennifer at the Texas Renaissance Festival in 1997. Jennifer met too many people that day and remembers meeting Shadow at a mutual friend's house for game night a few years later. They were joined at the hip beginning in May 2002, and after 16 years together (and Shadow patiently waiting for Jennifer to be ready again for the "M" word), Shadow and Jennifer married on May 25, 2018.

Even when feeling abysmal, Shadow did her best to make everyone around her smile and laugh. Her sense of humor ranged from sophisticated to sneaky. She enjoyed good conversations with friends accompanied by the inevitable glass of iced tea--no sugar, no lemon. Shadow loved music from the Rat Pack, Judy, Liza, Broadway, and rock'n'roll from the 70s and 80s. Her television shows of choice were true crime TV, crime procedurals, superheroes, and science fiction. She loved to solve a mystery. When she wasn't listening to recorded classic novels, she was reading lesbian fan fiction.

"No one is actually dead until the ripples they cause in the world die away."
~Terry Pratchett

"Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come." ~Rabindranath Tagore

A virtual memorial service will be held Saturday, July 31, at 5 p.m. Central. Details and the Zoom link can be found at <https://www.gatheringus.com/memorial/carole-sue-shadow-simon/7714>.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Shadow/Carole's memory to Friends for Life Animal Shelter (<https://friends4life.org/donate/>).

Tribute Wall



“ *Carole Sue Simon*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *I remember the first time I had the pleasure of meeting my future daughter-in-law Shadow (aka Carole Sue). Jennifer told me she had someone she wanted me to meet. It made my heart swell to see my daughter so happy. I rejoiced at the love these two beautiful beings shared. I know that you will be watching over us., 🤍*



Nancy Schmidt - July 25, 2021 at 02:14 AM



“ *Mary Womack lit a candle in memory of Carole Sue Simon*



Mary womack - July 23, 2021 at 09:36 AM



*Jen,
what you two had was amazing. I had the awesome opportunities to know both of you before you got together and then to remain friends with you all these years later . If there's anything you need , all you need to do is ask .Your love, devotion and respect for each other is what people should aspire to have in their relationships. And remember Lithon (spelled wrong I know)has only jumped dimensions, you will meet again.*

Mary womack - July 23, 2021 at 09:45 AM

BC

“ Barbara C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carole Sue Simon.



Barbara C. - July 22, 2021 at 10:33 PM

NS

“ Jenn,
My heartfelt condolences. My time with the two of you was limited but it was always filled with fun and laughter. Y'all made a great couple and I know there was a lot of love and respect in your relationship. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.
Love, Nikki

Nikki Schwartz - July 22, 2021 at 04:04 PM

M2

Jen I knew you both before you got together and I had the pleasure of knowing you all these years. You are the couple that people should aspire to be like the love and devotion that was between the two of you is absolutely amazing. Will always be here for you and she will always be watching over you and we love you Jen. Besides Lithon just went to another dimension for a while, you will meet again.

Mary Zomack - July 23, 2021 at 09:35 AM

KA

Carol wrote, sang in, and led so many of our songs for Neuhaus folks who were retiring. Her creativity and good voice were vital parts of these occasions. I wish I had the ability to compose a song for her. I too appreciate the respect Carol and Jennifer had for each other. It was lovely to see. "May you be free from fear and danger. May you be free from sorrow and pain. May you find peace. May you find healing. May you find peace in this sorrow. May you find ease in your own heart. - Spiritrock.com.

Kay Allen - July 23, 2021 at 10:50 AM

IM

Dear Carole, very soon after meeting you I knew that you and Jennifer were two halves of a whole. I wish I had words to comfort Jennifer now, but all I can do is share memories of you and wish you Farewell. Dear Carole, I admired your creativity and humor, and I laugh out loud remembering the song you wrote for our director's 60th birthday. There we all stood honoring the boss with your song about sexagenarians. You had a wonderfully whimsical side, and you once recited for me the entire Jabberwocky poem. No one else had ever done this for me, and I doubt that anyone else ever will.

Irene McDonald - July 31, 2021 at 10:51 AM