



Polly (Welsh) Chamberlain

October 13, 1950 - August 10, 2018

Polly Welsh Chamberlain, 67, of Broad Brook, CT passed away on August 10, 2018 surrounded by family and friends after a courageous 11 year battle with Multiple Myeloma. Polly was born in Abington, PA and lived in New Hope, PA until moving to CT in 1956. She was the daughter of the late Valentine Burt Chamberlain III and Elizabeth Carter Chamberlain. Polly received her B.A. and M.S. degrees from Southern CT State University in New Haven. Polly worked in the field of Early Childhood Education as a Teacher, Director, Consultant and Licensing Specialist.

She enjoyed being with friends and family, being outdoors, taking walks, biking, and reading. She was a member of Mountain Laurel Ski Club. Polly had a special love of the French language, and she also enjoyed traveling, especially to Mexico where she and her amigo Ron went nine times.

Polly leaves behind a sister, Chris Chamberlain-Puffer and her husband John Puffer of Wilbraham, MA; two brothers: Valentine B. Chamberlain IV and his wife Patricia of Guilford, Michael P. Chamberlain and his wife Sharon of New Britain, CT and six nieces and nephews: Davis, Rick, Abby, Chase, Kate and Molly as well as 7 grand nieces and nephews: Ansen, Rowen, Eleanor, Carter, Annie, Weston and Hugo. Polly also leaves her longtime friend Ron Scardacchi.

Polly was very grateful for the help she received during her illness from many

angels in her family, as well as staff at UCONN Health Center, St. Francis Cancer Center (Dr. Robert Bona) and Johnson Memorial Medical Center, especially Marissa McEwen, Hospice Director/Nurse. Special friend Sherri, neighbor Carol and Polly's caregiver Fatou were among Polly's angels.

In lieu of flowers, tributes to Polly's memory may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main St, 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851 or Hole in the Wall Gang, 555 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511. There will be a private graveside service in the future. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Cemetery
120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Tribute Wall

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Polly’s passing. She was a wonderful child care licensing agent, always reasonable, helpful, and professional. I met her in 1980’s in New Britain and then later when she was the licensing specialist for the Child Development Center at Tunxis CC in Farmington. My thoughts are with you all.

Carolyn Miranda - September 20, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ Deepest condolences to Polly’s entire family. We first met when she came to DPH to work as a child care licensing specialist. Polly became a dear friend, and I am so fortunate to have had her for a friend for many years. She loved her family, especially her nieces and nephews, whom she often enjoyed bragging about. I truly believe that everyone Polly interacted with benefited from meeting and knowing her. She will be greatly missed.

Sue Rosen

Susan Rosen - August 24, 2018 at 01:41 PM

NM

“ It was with a heavy heart that I read Polly’s obituary. I worked with Polly as a licensor and hired her as an education consultant for Willowbrook School. She continued her work as an education consultant until her illness forced her to leave. I have so many fond memories of Polly. She thought the world of her family and she adored her nieces and nephews. It is a comfort to know that Polly is no longer suffering. Her legacy in part will be all the ways she made life better for young children. She was a dedicated professional. My deepest sympathies to the family. Nancy Moriarty

Nancy Moriarty - August 14, 2018 at 06:38 PM

SC

“ I remember Polly well from our Wykeham Rise School days back in 1967-68. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that we will hold her in our hearts and prayers.

Susan Sheldon Crysler, schoolmate. Camden, Maine.



Susan S. Crysler - August 14, 2018 at 12:07 PM

DD

“ Dear Polly,
We have so many great memories of you that will last us a lifetime.
We are honored to have called you "friend."
May memories of happier times bring peace and comfort to your family and all who know and love you.

Rest in peace dear friend

Danny Duggan and Gary Procaccini

Danny Duggan - August 13, 2018 at 05:39 PM

MT

Rest in peace Polly from one of your co-worker Maria Torres. My deepest sympathies to your loved ones

Maria Tirres - August 15, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JL

I have memories of the many wonderful adventures we shared over the years to reflect on to sustain me. Rest In Peace my Dear Friend.

Jean Leonard - August 19, 2018 at 07:21 PM

MS

“ Dear Chamberlain family,
I am very sorry to learn of Polly's passing. Polly and I met back in 1983 when we both worked for the Community Renewal Team. Polly was a wonderful friend who shared a love for cats. I still have a cat Christmas ornament that Polly gave me that has been hung on our tree every year since. I fondly recall Thursday night dinners on Locust Circle. Polly was a good cook and I always will remember her for her broccoli casserole! Most importantly, I will remember how much Polly loved her family and how proud she was of her nieces and nephews.

May happy memories comfort you at this time of sadness.

With deepest sympathy,

Mark Surawski

Mark Surawski - August 13, 2018 at 05:36 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Polly's passing. We shared many good times together both as co-workers and friends. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Jan Bellinger

Janet Bellinger - August 13, 2018 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ Dear Chamberlains,

We send our condolences upon Polly's death. What a trial she went through these last 11 years with this disease. And you all were so devoted to her. What an example of family bonds in good times and hard times. Years ago (maybe 50?) when we spent Holidays together Polly would say grace in French. As a child I was impressed as foreign languages seemed pretty exotic then. As an adult, I talked to her about her work at the State and realized how she helped so many young children in the State in times when early childhood education wasn't deemed as important as it has become. We hope your memories comfort you as you grieve her loss.

John and Betsy Bradley

John and Betsy Bradley - August 13, 2018 at 02:18 PM

MM

“ Chamberlain family-- *It has been my pleasure, and a great honor to be able to be part of Polly's journey these last 11 months. I will miss ending my week with her, but I am so glad for her, that she can be at peace after this long battle. I hope you are all able to find your own peace during this difficult time. There is no doubt that I will be thinking of her anytime I am enjoying some Halo Top Ice cream or twizzlers!*

*Love,
Marissa*

Marissa McEwen - August 13, 2018 at 11:54 AM