



Carol Trout

August 15, 1946 - December 22, 2025

PASSING OF CAROL HARDESTY, CRUTCHFIELD, TROUT

Carol Trout died at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Glen Burnie, MD on 22 December 2025. She was born on August 15, 1946 in Terra Alta, West Virginia to James H. and Estie E. Hardesty. After graduating from high school she moved to Baltimore and worked for Tower Federal Credit Union until she was employed by the Defense Department. In 1978 she attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey California before traveling with her husband to Germany. Carol graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of Maryland (evening school) in 1982.

Her government career at the Defense Department included assignments in the Office of Security, Operations, and Human Resources where she remained until her retirement in 1997.

After retirement she began a second career teaching piano and especially loved teaching the little children. In addition to music she enjoyed gardening, quilting and machine embroidery. She attended Wesley Grove United Methodist Church and was active in the Anne Arundel Chapter of the Parkinson's Support Group. She hoped to help future generations by being a participant in many experimental drug studies over the years.

She is survived by her husband Jeffrey W. Trout of 48 years. Other survivors include two children Erik Trout of Hanover, MD, Julie Ellenberger of Bel Air, Md and eight grandchildren.

A private Celebration of Life service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association.