



## Carol High

September 29, 1946 - August 26, 2009

Dr. Carol Joan (Trautman) High, 62, of Warwick Township, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She was the wife of Lester B. High. Carol was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of the late William and Anna (Henze) Trautman. She was a 1964 graduate of The Philadelphia High School of Agriculture and Horticulture, a 1968 graduate of Penn State University and a 1971 graduate of The University of Pennsylvania. She was employed for twenty-eight years as a veterinarian at Phoenixville Animal Hospital. Her care for animals and their families was a passion that will be missed by her clients and co-workers. That passion was highly regarded by her colleagues in the profession as well as her second family at the Phoenixville Animal Hospital. She was a member of Coventry Church of the Brethren, American Veterinarian Medical Association, Friends of Warwick Park and the Association for Retarded Citizens. She enjoyed shopping and gardening, but most of all her children and grandchildren. Carol was also a gifted artist. In addition to her husband of forty years, she is survived by two sons: Andrew F. High at home and Bradley J. High and his wife Heather of North Coventry; a foster daughter Michelle (Houser) Kissinger and her husband Darryl of Leesport; a sister, Aileen Kondyra and her husband Stephen of Doylestown; a brother, William Trautman Jr. and wife Virginia of Cary, N.C., and three grandchildren: Emily, Ashley and Kayleigh. Her funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at Coventry Church of the Brethren, 946 Keen Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 at 10:30 AM. Interment will

follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitations will be held at the church on Monday, August 31, 2009 from 6-8 PM and Tuesday morning from 9:30-10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compassion International, c/o Coventry Church of the Brethren at the above address. Online condolences may be offered at [www.royersfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.royersfordfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are by Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home of Royersford.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I just recently learned of Carol's passing from the Penn Stater magazine. I was very saddened to hear this, and I want to send my belated, heartfelt condolences to her entire family. I knew Carol from 2 years at Penn State Ogontz in the mid-1960's. Although I had not seen her since that time, I was not surprised to read in these condolences, of her gentle, compassionate and caring nature with all the people that she dealt with at her work. I am sure that she remained that way throughout her life with everyone, and I will always remember her in that vein. May God bless the High family.  
Barry Leatherman

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Barry Leatherman - bleatherman137@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ I called the animal hospital for some information and Dot told me today was her birthday. I'm sure her family and close friends are missing her so much, especially today. I'm wishing them peace today and in the future. I'm sure Dr. High is celebrating her special day in heaven surrounded by loved ones - especially all her animal friends.

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Jackie Kim - jaxkim@email.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TF

“ I was so shocked and saddened to learn of Dr. High's passing. She has treated our pets for over 23 years. Her love and compassion for animals was evident and we will miss her! Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and co-workers.

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The Meister family - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TK

“ It is with deep sorrow that I send this message. Dr. High cared for 5 of our dogs and one cat over the past 28 years. Most recently she was Amber's vet treating her diabetes. Our family will miss her and may her family be comforted by all the people who touched by her in their and their pets life. Sincerely, Tim, Kathy, Tim Jr., Joe, Silver and of course Amber. God bless you Dr High as you enter heaven, and God Bless her family.

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The Cronin family - kathy.cronin1@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DD

“ Lester, I am so sorry to hear about Carol's death. I always thought of her as one of the nicest and most pleasant women. People could just tell how much she cared for the people around her. I will always remember how she helped me out of a jam by providing last minute vet papers so I could participate in a 4-H sheep roundup. I was flustered but she was just so gracious. I look forward to seeing you again whenever we may run into each other in either Centre or Chester Counties. Again, my thoughts are with you. Daryl

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Daryl Schafer - dschafer@culbertsonfinancial.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LA

“ I was very sad to hear of Dr. High's passing. She took wonderful care of my pets for many years and was always kind, compassionate and caring. She will be greatly missed.

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Larry - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DJ

“ To all of Dr. High's family and friends, I want to say how sad and sorry I was to learn of Dr. High's passing.... She had been my vet for 13 years and was the one to tell me of my beloved Samoyed's cancer, and eventually, to be there when we chose to put her down, just last Fall. Dr. High was kind, gentle and thoughtful; I could always see that in her eyes and hear it in her voice.... I am so very sorry for your loss. Donna Jackson

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**Donna Jackson** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. my heart goes out to your family.you are all in my prayers.

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**amy pollinger** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TF

“ Dr Carol High was a warm compassionate soul who cared deeply for the animals who came to her for care. I can only imagine her compassion and care for her family. I wish you the best in memories and peace knowing that every patient that went before her was saving a place for her. We appreciate the care she provided for our dogs.

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**The Warner Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

HF

“ Dr. High is someone that we should all strive to be like. She was selfless, compassionate, kind, and extremely supportive. I have worked with her for the past 13 years and she always gave 110% to her work, her clients - and to all of us. I will miss talking to her. She adored her children and the girls were the light of her life. Take comfort in knowing that she loved her family so much. I will miss her!

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**Heather Gasser and Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AP

“ Dr. High was my beloved Gracie's (Westie) Vet many years ago when I lived in Pennsylvania. She was always so caring and nice to both Gracie and me. Dr. High took extra time talking to me on the phone when I had questions about my first puppy. I am so sad to hear that Dr. High passed away. She was an angel here on earth.  
Anne-Marie

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**Anne-Marie Smith - phillysmitty@verizon.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

GG

“ Les, Sorry to hear of your loss by way of John Spangler. I know the support of your family and friends will help you through the next months.. I'll keep you in my thoughts. Gary Willier

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**Gary Willier - gwillier@lcci.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DN

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about Dr. High's passing. We have been taking our animals to her for 20 years and she was always so gentle and thorough. Dr. High was kind and a lovely lady. We will miss her greatly. Dena, Steve, Miss Kitty, MaKay, Nikki, Sir Hal PS: And our beloved Miss Abbie Cat, we are grateful for her care when Abbie was alive.

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**Dena and Steve Neff** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DD

“ To Brad and your family: I am very sorry to hear about your mother and you have my deepest sympathy. You are in my prayers.

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**Debbie J Fisher - DJFisher56@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MI

“ When my dad was a little child, during your time at Dr. Ayres office, his dog was injured by a car and suffered a severe leg injury. You calmed his fears, and saved Rexy. Rexy regained use of his leg and lived to an old, old age. My dad never forgot you, Dr. High, and what you did for him and Rexy. Thanks

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**Mike** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SS

“ Dear Lester, Andy and Brad, As we celebrate Carol's life, I feel honored to have known, and been mentored by such a powerful woman. She was the epitome of graciousness; loving and kind. I can not image the depth of your loss and pain, but I do know that this "earth angel" has earned her wings and God must have a very special mission in mind for her selfless and bountiful energy. We are forever bonded in spirit, having worked together for so many years and sharing many family moments. I will treasure the sound advice and caring messages, always centered and true. Through your grief, be proud of such a remarkable women, leaving her mark on so many. Love, Susan

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**Susan Weber** - [susan.j.weber@pfizer.com](mailto:susan.j.weber@pfizer.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ Lester & Family, So sorry to learn of your loss. I am sure that Carol will be greatly missed. I know she had a real passion for both her family and the animals that she cared for. While I know we have lost touch since we left Coventry, I often thought about both of you when I was driving in the Coventry Area. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Carl & Thelma Brown

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**Carl Brown** - [cab123@dejazzd.com](mailto:cab123@dejazzd.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ My deepest condolences Lester and family. I remember your wife from when I worked for your family at the dairy store back in 1985. I hope that you find love strength and comfort through our Lord and through faith. Christine, Roy, Kayleigh and Samantha

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**Christine Weaver-Reifsnyder - CMReifsnyder@comcast.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PJ

“ Deepest sympathy for your loss. Dr. High has cared for our dog Rocky with kindness compassion, and dedication for 10 years, actually saving his life as a puppy. She a great loss to many of us. She will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Pat, Joe, and Rocky Majcher

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**pat joe rockey majcher - joemajcher@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LG

“ Our breeder told us to choose a vet that would cry with us. We did just that. Now we're the ones who are crying. She will be very much missed.

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**Lorraine McKenna and Gambit** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May the kindness and caring for the people she befriended and especially for my daughter-in-law Michelle, sustain you.

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**Charlotte Kissinger - clottek@verizon.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SS

“ Thank you Dr. High! You took care of my Sasha for 15 years, and you guided me through the difficult times, and laughed with me during the good times. I came to respect you as my friend as well as my Vet. You did your job always in the most professional, warm, caring, and understanding way. You called just to check that everything was ok. To your family, I'm so sorry, but please take comfort in knowing that Dr. High was a wonderful person. I'm sure that Sasha and so many others have greeted her at the gates.

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**Steve Mento** - [sngmen@aol.com](mailto:singmen@aol.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PP

“ Thank you Dr. High for taking such good care of my "kids". You saved Beau's life many years ago. I will always remember your smile and your gentle ways. May you rest in peace. My sympathy to your family. May their memories of happier times comfort them today.

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**Pat Pelino** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ I had the privilege of working with Carol at Phoenixville Animal Hospital for fourteen years. At first we butted heads a bit, but quickly came to appreciate the other's strengths. I referred my medical cases to her as she enjoyed the kind of cases that provided a lot of contact with the pet and the owner over time. She referred her surgical cases to me as that was my preference. She will be greatly missed by all at the animal hospital, staff, pets, and clients alike.

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**Dr. Jacqui Burke** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CC

*“ I can't tell you how heartbreaking it was to hear of Dr. High's passing. She was such wonderful, warm, caring, and loving person. She has treated pets for me for over 25 years but the care, concern, and compassion she offered to me this year with a dieing pet was unbelievable. She radiated a warmth and genuiness that is seldom seen. I never felt like her client; I always felt like her friend. Dr. High was truly a gentle soul. I will truly miss her and can honestly say that I was blessed to have had our paths cross in life. For her family, I hope they know that she touched many, many lives and was truly appreciated and cared for.*

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**Colleen Adams - ccadams@entium.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SJ

*“ Dr. High was truly an angel to all of the pets and pet parents who were fortunate enough to benefit from her expert care and compassion. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and the staff of PAH. Sincerely, Stu and Jackie Kim*

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**Stu and Jackie Kim - jaxkim@email.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AF

*“ i was so very sorry to hear about Dr. High. She has cared for my cats for several years and I trusted and respected her completely. Such a lovely woman and I will miss her. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Amy Hollowell - funwithchocolate@yahoo.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JC

*“ We are very saddened to learn of Dr. High's passing. She was a compassionate woman and excellent vet. Our past pets -- and so many others -- will surely be waiting at Rainbow Bridge to honor her.*

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**Joe & Laura Schwartz - cmclaura@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

IB

“ My condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, as we express our deepest sympathy. Thinking of you, Barb Wang and Dept X91A

IBM - Barb Wang and dept - barbw@us.ibm.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

WW

“ We are truly sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Although we did not have the privledge of knowing Carol, it is very evident of her compassion, kindness and genorosity she has offered to many people around her during her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Amy (Darryl Kissinger's neice) and Scott Weyant

Weyant Family - weyantamy@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SU

“ Good bye dear friend. We first met at Dr. Ayres Veterinary hospital many many years ago. Thank you for your tenderness, expertise, compassion, loving care, and in giving us Nykolai. Miss and Love you, Sandy and Joe, Stashu, Mikey, Zofie, & Nykolai

Sandy Horvath - ukie1@earthlink.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SL

“ Dear Les,Andy, Brad & Heather , Our heart breaks for your loss . We are sorry we can't be with you Tuesday but will plan a visit to see you all soon and remember the happy times .What an awesome blessing Carol was in all our lives Love Steve & Ellen

Steve & Ellen Laitinen - laitinene@ameritech.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MB

“ Thank you for everything. For your help over the years. For your ability to see the potential in me. For setting my sights high. For your friendship. For your unwavering love. For taking such good care of Lester, Andy and Brad. I'll keep an eye on them for you.  
With love, Chelle

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**Michelle (Houser) Kissinger - bookhound85@gmail.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM