



## Carmen Marie Geshell

November 12, 1974 - January 6, 2021

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Carmen Marie Geshell departed this life at home in Hawaii Kai on 6 January 2021 after many years of coping with being paralyzed on her left side from a car wreck in Nebraska when she was 3 and then she survived the A Bangkok flu virus when she was 7 in the winter of 1980-81 in Nebraska that killed about 10 children that year in Nebraska. Carmen was one in a million as she was born with achondroplasia, suffering from dwarfism, in common terms. As a result of the foregoing, it was decided to move to Hawaii for Carmen's future health needs in 1982. It worked as she graduated from Kaiser High in Honolulu and went on to become Hawaii's youngest published author at age 21 when Dale Madden of Island Heritage published her first written and illustrated children's book entitled Muffin's Lesson of Kokua. Carmen and her mother, Carol, then later published Carmen's second children's book: Muffin's Makapuu Adventure. A few years later, Jeff Pagay had some cartoon characters so Carmen wrote the stories and Jeff illustrated three more published children's books: Surf Rats of Waikiki Beach, Mele da Mynah's Noisy 'Ohana, and Walta Melon. Carmen learned to paint from Hawaii's great painter, Patrick Ching, so created many beautiful paintings and sold them at three locations on Oahu for many years. Carmen is proof positive that life at times presents us with very difficult tasks and conditions, but she overcame those and did not complain but continued with her life as above illustrated in a very positive and cheerful manner. Needless to say, she will be dearly missed by all who knew her and she is now in Heaven with her mother Carol without any more paralysis and cardiopulmonary difficulties. Aloha and Thank you God for bringing us Carmen in November

of 1974 and enabling her to have a wonderful life under all of her medical conditions with her outstanding attitude and accomplishments. A celebration of Carmen's life and accomplishments will be held later when the pandemic lessens.

Steven - here is a link to an article written about Carmen and Carol in the Star Bulletin Newspaper:

<http://archives.starbulletin.com/98/12/04/features/index.html>

# Cemetery

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**Diamond Head Memorial Park Cemetery; 529 18th Avenue; Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

# Comments

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“ We lived across from the Geshell's for 8 years in Hawaii Kai. As soon as my son Evan who was 18 months and I moved into the neighbor hood the family became great neighbors and good friends. Carmen was one of the most remarkable people we have met. She was beautiful inside and out. Her positivity and happy spirit was so contagious. You could have a bad day and see Carmen and all would be forgotten. Carmen's talent for writing and painting was great, my son still has her books, one which she signed for him is especially treasured. Carmen's life was full of challenges and she rose to them all with great spirit. No one who ever met her will forget her.

After we moved to another island we stayed in touch and Evan sent her some pottery he had made during his Sr year at school. It was a class he was required to take and he had not been too enthusiastic. As it turned out he loved it and when he had some decent pieces his first thought was to send one to Carmen. Of course her response was so Carmen, all appreciation, love and kindness and of course lots of encouragement. That was Carmen!

We still remember Carmen and her Mom Carol riding around in their green VW bug , always happy, allays a smile. Carmen's life was too short but she packed so much into the years she had. Evan and I send our deepest condolences to Steve , family and friends.

Love

Pamela and Evan Lake

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