

# Carolyn Skinner Hartsough

Carolyn Lee Skinner was born to Raymond A. and Neosha ("Peggy", nee Pool) Skinner on May 9, 1942 in Orange, California. Some experiences of life there as a youngster shaped aspects of her adult life as pleasures, beliefs and interests: the smell of orange blossoms, progressive politics and needlework. As preschoolers she and her 11-month younger sister, dressed in identical (except for color) dresses made by Mama, would walk with their Socialist Grandpa John Skinner to the Orange Plaza, where he would get into heated political arguments with the old men gathered there to play checkers.

The family moved to the southern San Joaquin Valley town of Pixley in 1953, where her parents purchased and ran two liquor/convenience stores. Although Carolyn made several life-long friends there, it was not a place where she wanted to settle. Fortunately, her excellent grades provided the opportunity to attend UC Berkeley on a scholarship in 1960.

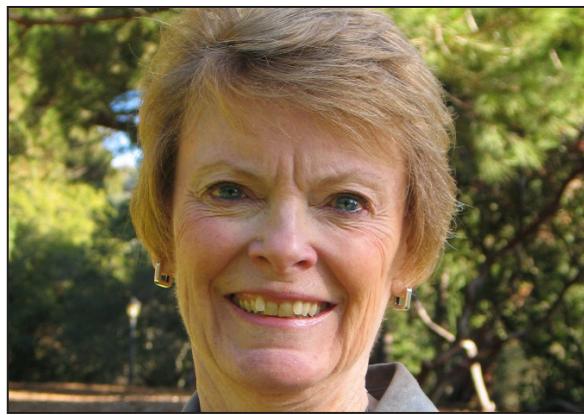
A studious undergraduate major in psychology, Carolyn relished the stimulating environment at Cal and people in her student cooperative housing. An extracurricular class in music appreciation expanded and solidified her love of music to add classical to roots (Daddy played fiddle as a youngster in Arkansas) and country/R&B/soul (from Mama). She met her future husband Larry at a dance party held at his cop lodgings. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Carolyn continued in the Graduate School of Education, joining the nascent program in School Psychology. Larry and Carolyn married in 1965. During their graduate school years and early marriage they enjoyed car camping throughout the West.

After receiving her PhD in 1973, Carolyn continued as an employee of the SP Program. From 1973

through 1997, she served as Associate Research Educator and Co-Director of the Hyperactivity Follow-Up Study, working alongside the Principal Investigator, Dr. Nadine Lambert, who founded the School Psychology Program. This much-cited study discovered a strong association between childhood ADHD and adult tobacco smoking and substance abuse. In 1990, Carolyn took over as Practicum Coordinator/Program Director of the Program. In this role, she: served on the Program's Admissions Committee; led the orientation session for incoming cohorts of students; taught seminars; coordinated practicum/internship placements, annual student evaluations thereof, and periodic accreditation reviews for the American Psychological Association; and, authorized the issuing of school psychology credentials. She especially enjoyed coaching and mentoring the bright, capable graduate students in the Program, in which she continued to work the remainder of her life.

Carolyn was an avid reader/researcher related to her eclectic interests, the two main ones being making/collecting quilts and family genealogy, the products of which constitute a treasured legacy for her family and friends.

Carolyn's grandmothers and mother made quilts. She remembered that as a five-year old she was intrigued and fascinated by quilt blocks that an aunt had made and stored with her mother. Carolyn started making quilts at the time of the quilt revival that arose around the Bicentennial, taking many quilting classes in the following decade. She was a charter member of East Bay Heritage Quilters in 1978 (the year her son was born after which she worked part-time for some years) and helped plan and exhibited quilts in several of their early exhibitions and



symposia. Over the years since, she built collections of made and bought quilts and tops, fabrics, Arts & Crafts linens, and related books.

Carolyn became seriously interested in genealogy in the 1980s when she discovered that her mother's surname (Pool) derived from Pettypool. She spent many happy (pre-internet) hours doing research at the Oakland Mormon Library and the Sutro Library in San Francisco. She discovered that the name originated with a single family in the 13th century from a farmstead (Pooty Pools) in Essex, England. The surname died out there in the 17th C, but a single Pettypool male, William, the last to receive the name, immigrated from the London area to Virginia Colony in the mid 1650's and from him all the known Pettypools in the world today appear to have sprung. Carolyn was the founding member of the Pettypool One-Name Study, the Family Tree DNA Pettypool Project, and provided the majority of the research on the early Pettypool family posted on [www.pettypool.com](http://www.pettypool.com). A number of trips to England with family and friends included on their itineraries visits to local records offices and sites related to the Skinner and Pettypool sides of her family, including St. Dunstan church in Stepney, where William was christened. All of her vacation trips, including these, she documented in journals and photo albums.

Throughout their married life, she and Larry

maintained connections to Cal outside her work life through sports: football at first, then later women's volleyball and basketball. Carolyn also made extensive use of the UC Berkeley Library for genealogy related background research and provided financial support to the library fund.

Carolyn passed away on October 12, 2018 from respiratory failure following an extended period of declining health. She will be remembered for her impeccable taste and sense of style, dry humor (but delight in the great physical comedians), insightful instincts about people, impatience with rambling monologues and sloppy research, generosity and loyalty to friends, and personal integrity.

She is survived by: Larry Dowd Hartsough, her husband of 53 years; their son, John Daniel Skinner Hartsough; sister, Donna Rae Skinner; nephew, Mark Pinzon; inlaws and cousins; plus distant relatives she discovered and connected with through her genealogy research.

A memorial event is to be scheduled for early next year. Carolyn would have been honored by memorial contributions to any of the following: Amnesty International (<https://www.amnestyusa.org/donate-to-amnesty/>); Cash + Quilts for Guns project of the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles (<https://www.sjqmusem.org/donatedollars/>); or, the Cal Library Fund (<https://give.berkeley.edu/browse/?u=75>).