

Carrie A. (Portillo) Wetter
11/12/1958 - 10/26/2018

Carrie A. Portillo was born in Los Angeles, CA.

Her early childhood she lived in Whittier, CA.

Prior to Middle School, the family moved to La Habra, CA.

Carrie was passionate about sports, all sports. As a little girl she could be found playing football with the neighborhood boys, as a result Carrie did not shy away from confrontation, especially if there was a bad call on a play or rules were incorrectly enforced. Carrie appreciated all forms of competition and often cheered on NBA, NFL, NHL, Boxing, MMA and assuredly her beloved Barcelona. Carrie's Sonora High School Girls Field Hockey team CIF champion picture is still prominently displayed in the school sports display case.

Carrie struggled with school, Elementary through High School as a result of mild dyslexia. She realized this deficit during High School and through personal perseverance, forced herself while studying to review information that didn't make sense initially, ensuring a thorough understanding of the subject matter. This disciplined approach, innate intelligence and keen logic allowed Carrie to achieve academic excellence.

Carrie's parents had a very high regard for College education. Carrie not wanting to disappoint enrolled in and graduated from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Shortly after graduation, Dr. Wetter started Wetter Chiropractic practice. As any new business, it required long hours, away of from her babies. She closed the business in order to be a stay at Mom to her young children.

In the mid 1990's, Carrie decided that she needed to work but wanted a career that was challenging and rewarding. Carrie chose to be a teacher. Initially she Substitute taught at local elementary schools, a Principal at one of the schools realized Carries talents and mentored her in becoming a fulltime teacher, a decision Carrie never regretted. Carries greatest source of pride was becoming a Chemistry teacher at Jurupa Hills High School. Carrie found the work demanding, challenging but tremendously satisfying. Her greatest sense of accomplishment was realized yearly, when students recognized her as a person who had most impacted their lives, graduations, when her students stood proud and accepted their diploma's and especially when those individual students who had previously graduated, returned for a visit and let Carrie know that they were now enrolled in college, often times pursuing education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

During Carrie's illness, she often expressed her concern about her students. Worried that they had been short changed having started off the school year with her and now left to the vagaries of a personally unvetted substitute. Teacher. Carrie's unwavering commitment to her Students and Colleagues strengthened her resolve and ability to fight her cancer until the very end. Carrie's greatest pride was and had always been her Students success's, especially when they understood and mastered difficult and complex concepts of Chemistry.

Carrie always recognized "good work ethics" and had a deep desire to help any Student who asked for help. She recognized the promise of each student and how important these students were to the foundation of and futures of our communities.