



## Carolyn Skaff

September 21, 2018

Carolyn Skaff (Wade), Frankfort, died Friday September 21, 2018 in Bear Lake, MI. She is survived by her husband Bill Skaff; daughter Lisa; son Daniel; siblings Steven Wade, Nancy Karre, Sally Monical, and Gordon Wade and mother Betty Wade.

Carolyn was born in Flint, MI, the daughter of Dr. Franklin and Betty Wade. She attended Adrian College, received her master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University, and went on to have a successful career in the medical field, managing and leading medical centers in Michigan, Durango and Denver, CO and Portland, OR. She retired to Frankfort, MI in 2016 and continued to be a total badass. Her true loves were her son Daniel and daughter Lisa, their significant others Hilary and Stephen respectively, and her grand-puppy Duckie. The time she spent with her family was what mattered to her the most.

Carolyn's life is one defined by the idea of living to the fullest. She was grand adventurer and was extraordinarily playful. Her passions included running, bicycling, downhill skiing and snowboarding, waterskiing, windsurfing, sculling, photography, cooking for enormous crowds of people, baking pies even though she preferred cake, and telling the magnificent stories of her adventures. She travelled all over the country visiting her extended family. She was a proudly involved mom, aunt, and great aunt to her beloved children and all her extended relatives. She spent considerable time biking and playing on the beaches of California, the mountains of Colorado and all-over northern Michigan with her husband Bill. They were partners in all things active and fun. She was the glue of her family, keeping close track of her 12 nieces and nephews and 14 great-nieces and nephews. Carolyn's generosity was unparalleled. She donated widely to organizations ranging from the Betsie Valley Trail to the International Contemporary Ensemble to her niece's Baltimore classroom. She passionately supported the arts, athletics, and programs that benefited kids all over the country. In lieu of flowers, her family would like donations made in her memory the Betsie Valley Trail. [www.betsievalleytrail.org](http://www.betsievalleytrail.org). Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Benzonia.

# Comments

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“ Bill and family,

I am so sorry about the loss of Carolyn. I have a vivid memory of Carolyn. When I was having my problems with Linden School District and ended up resigning from there it was at a very bad time in my life. Bill gave me a place to be and heal. That I will never forget. But there was a day at the store when Carolyn was there and introduced me to someone with the sentence "this is my friend Doug, he is a wonderful teacher." I was doubting if I would ever be a teacher again. This helped give me the drive to get back into teaching with the confidence I needed. I will be able to hear her voice saying that for the rest of my life. Thank you Carolyn.

**Doug Gorton** - September 29, 2018 at 09:04 PM