

Sue Powel Carnell

Sue Powel Carnell, grandmother of eight, mother of four, and wife of the late John Evans Carnell, beloved to all, died Saturday at her home at the Broadmead retirement community in Cockeysville. She was 80.

A long-time administrator at Baltimore City Community College, and active member of the boards of Friends School of Baltimore, *Friends Journal*, and Samuel Ready Scholarships, Inc., Sue was an enthusiastic member of the Broadmead community since 2005, serving as Vice President of the Residents' association and head of the ceramics club.

The daughter of William Rodenbaugh Powel, of Philadelphia, manager of Doughoregan Manor, Ellicott City, Maryland, and Alice Klingelhofer Powel, of Towson, she was born at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore on February 23, 1937.

Sue attended Samuel Ready School; at 16, she matriculated at Goucher College on a Ford Foundation fellowship, graduating *Phi Beta Kappa* with honors in International Relations in 1957. While raising four children, she earned an M.Ed. at what was then Towson State University (1974) and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in the Liberal Arts at Johns Hopkins University in 1981. She began her career at the then Community College of Baltimore (now Baltimore City Community College) in 1975 as director of a student tutoring center, and then moved into administrative roles in the Dean's and President's Offices until her retirement in 1999. She was always dedicated to the college's mission and to the students it served.

A member of Stony Run Friends Meeting since she was 13, Sue cared deeply about Quaker causes for social justice. As a teenager in the early 1950s, she made an impassioned speech to the Baltimore Monthly Meeting urging Friends School to accept students of color, as it did shortly thereafter, following the passage of *Brown v. Board of education*. In subsequent years, she founded the Powel-Carnell Scholarship Fund at Friends School to benefit students of color. Long active on many committees at Stony Run Meeting, Sue served on the Board of Friends School from 2008 to 2013, chairing the diversity subcommittee. She also served actively on boards of Samuel Ready Scholarships, Inc and of the *Friends Journal*, a national Quaker publication in Philadelphia.

She met John Carnell in 1955 at Quaker youth conference in Indiana. Engaged within five days, they were married in December of that year. After raising four children, they enjoyed time with their grandchildren and travel (taking trips to over fifty countries) in their retirement. John passed away in 2015, one month before their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Sue was a devoted, loving, and somewhat mischievous grandmother. She made sure that her house in Towson and, later, her apartment at Broadmead, were places of endless joy and fun—with trees to climb, rope swings, and power tools. Her 'wacky cake,' pies,

deviled eggs, and fruit salads were the centerpieces of all family gatherings, as were her humor, enthusiasm, and kindness. She will be greatly missed.

Sue's tenacity and unwavering ability to see the best in people lifted everyone she touched. Her light will not soon be forgotten. It will continue to lift those who hold her in their memories and in their hearts.

She is survived by her brother, William Rodenbaugh Powel, III, and his wife Rebecca, of Union Bridge, MD, and by her sister-in-law, Dianne Powel, widow of the late Stephen Sharpe Powel, of Greensboro, NC. She is also survived by her children N. Eric Carnell & his wife Sangwoon Han, Cristin Carnell Lambros & her husband Matt Levinger, Rachel Carnell & her husband Greg Lupton, J. Kevin Carnell & his wife Tea Carnell; and by her grandchildren Caitlin, Kelsey, Matt, Sarah, Atticus, Alice, Alison & Will.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Powel-Carnell Scholarship Fund at Friends School of Baltimore, 5114 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210.