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Carol was married to her late husband Jack for 30 years. He passed in 2015. Carol has two children, James Berta and Nicole Sorenson, two Grandsons, Dylan and Luke, and four step children. A native of Santa Clara County, Carol has lived in Gilroy all her life.

She graduated with honors from San Jose State University, Fine Arts Major, English Minor. She holds three Lifetime Teaching Credentials K-14.

She taught Painting & Drawing at Gilroy High School for 30 years and at the University of Santa Clara. Carol retired from teaching in 2001.

Selected Lead Teacher in GUSD four years in a row by the Santa Clara Office of Ed., she received a Certificate for Commitment to the Teaching Profession from Bruce McPherson, Calif. State Senate.

Carol continues to teach and is an independent contraction for FIRST5 Santa Clara County.
Writes an Art Based Column Kids Corner for Gilroy Morgan Hill Today Magazine.

She hosted an Art Based Cable TV Show Carol on Creativity Which Won
2 WAVE Awards

After the Garlic Festival Shooting ...Collaborated with Mike Sanchez and Jill Vanni to
Paint Rocks for Gilroy Strong

Received the Poppy Jasper Film Festival ART ICON AWARD 2020

Carol went to Japan to collaborate starting an International Student Art Exchange.

Carol was one of 15 in the United States selected to study with the The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Paris, France, 2001.

Carol has been a keynote speaker at several graduations ceremonies.

Carol's artwork is featured in a published book which she illustrated entitled "Images of America, GILROY," by Claudia Saleweske. She has painted murals for downtown Gilroy, donated many art pieces for auction, making money for countless Gilroy charities. In 2008 she asked former students to paint together in her studio and sold the collaborative paintings to raise scholarship money for a deserving student going on in the field of art. The student was selected and given the scholarship in June 2008.

Carol was a board member & officer of Gilroy Bonanza Days, from inception to end. She designed award winning Gilroy floats and designed the first Garlic Festival ticket. Carol continues to paint and mostly donates her work to schools and the city. She has

personally designed and donated logos, T-Shirt designs and wall murals for dozens of organizations and Gilroy teams and local schools. She most recently designed the Logo for The City of Gilroy 150 Year .

Using Gilroy as her Inspiration she has painted the Cougar that hangs in the entry of the school. Ascencion Solorzano, Revamped a down town building with students to inspire other stores to create an inviting exterior. and Received the Good Egg Award by the Chamber of Commerce.

She was Woman of the Year in 2010.

She has volunteered for Garlic Festival every year. She has judged Queen Contests many years. Formerly chair Arts and Cultural Commission for the city of Gilroy, former President of Leadership Gilroy & on Board of Directors for 7 years,. Member of the Leadership Class of 2002. In 2007 she was selected Leadership Gilroy Alumni of the Year.

Carol is a current member Beta Sigma Phi, Variety Club, California Arts Assoc., & GAA. The Gilroy Foundation Advisor, and member of the Latino Family Fund.

In 2006 Carol started a new career in modeling/ acting. She competed and won six top awards at the 2006 MAAI International Model Convention in New York at the Waldorf Astoria. She was under contract for New York Model Management Group and Talent + Plus in the Bay area. She had never done anything like this prior.

In 2008 she has been featured in the Gene Simmons Family Jewels Reality Show on A&E, has done Susan Lucci and many other TV Commercials.

Starred independent films and a featured extra in film starring Benjamin Bratt, La Mission.

Currently doing audio for the book Bedtime Bible Stories soon to be released on Amazon.

She has done many public access TV Shows, various catalogues, stock shoots and runway fashion shows.

Her main passion right now is being with her family and friends.