



## Char Eleene Mano

July 18, 1952 - January 2, 2021

Char Eleene (nee: Maass) Mano, 68, of Racine, passed away on January 2, 2021. The family will hold a private memorial service later this year.

Char was born in Orange County, California on July 18, 1952, to Charles and Vivian (nee: Annis) Maass. She graduated from Pasadena High School and later earned a master's degree in Nutritional Physiology from Iowa State University as well as a master's degree in Taxation Law from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Char married Tom Mano on July 18, 1979 in Springfield, MA; they were married 41 years.

Char worked as a certified public accountant for many years and retired from the IRS in 2014. She took great joy in spending time with her horse, Dream, and visiting Door County with her family.

Char is survived by her husband, Tom; her daughter, Paige (Juan) Barreto; her grandchildren, Gael and Eve Barreto; cousins Alison Almquist, Jay Scott, Jennifer Marquardt, and Kay Cooper; and other family and friends.

Char is preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to The Arabian Horse Rescue Mission ([arabianrescuemission.org](http://arabianrescuemission.org)).

Char's family wishes to thank Doctors Choi and Papp and the nurses of Ascension Racine for their kind and attentive care.

# Tribute Wall

“ To Char's family:

*I'm so sorry to hear of Char's passing. She and I go way, way back, starting with our 3rd grade class from 1961. I have our class photo, and I snipped a picture of Char, with me sitting in front of her, in all of our 9 year old glory. We also shared our 5th grade class as well, and I've included a snip of that photo too (she's on the left side and I'm on the right side with my eyes closed). We were friends throughout school, also going to the same junior and senior high schools together. I've snipped her senior photo from our yearbook.*

*We lived in the same neighborhood, Hastings Ranch, in Pasadena. Great place to grow up, and I'm sure she'd agree! We lost touch after high school, but reconnected on Facebook about 6 years ago. I was following her struggles as much as she was willing to share on Facebook, and I always had a prayer in my heart, and my fingers crossed!*

*On a lighter note, one story I have always remembered her telling was when she was born. She said that right after she was born, there was an earthquake in Southern California. Sure enough, on July 21, 1952, the Kern County quake happened, registering 7.2 on the Richter Scale. She and her mom were still in the hospital, which was rocking and rolling! That story has stayed with me all this time, and I'm so happy to be able to share it here for her friends and family!*

*I loved the sharp wit and sense of humor she showed in her Facebook posts, and I know we'll all miss that tremendously. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

*Cheryl Lacey Willey*



**Cheryl Willey** - May 30, 2021 at 08:51 PM

CH

*She was a very fun classmate and had a gentleness that now makes sense. We have included her on our memorial for the 50th reunion of PHS 1970.*

**Christie** - June 01, 2021 at 12:00 PM

PB

*Thank you both, Cheryl and Christie! I love the photos and I'm so happy to see that she was still in touch with friends from back in the day.*

**Paige Barreto** - September 19, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Cowgirl Char, 1956*



**Paige Irene** - March 14, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Char Eleene Mano.*



February 01, 2021 at 02:43 PM

EH

“ I only met Char once in person but we became friends through our mutual love of corgis. She was so proud of her daughter, Paige, and talked about her with such love. My heart goes out to Tom and Paige. She was so special. I remember her riding her bike down the street holding on to a leash with a corgi at the other end trying to keep up with her and it did a great job. Rest in peace Char and know you made a difference in so many lives. I'll always miss you.

Evelyn Hlabse - January 22, 2021 at 06:36 PM

GL

I am also a friend of Char and now a Corgi owner because of her. ❤️

Gail Levin - January 23, 2021 at 08:06 PM



Thank you both! She definitely always loved her corgis!!

Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:34 PM

PK

“ Char and I started at the IRS together. She was a great colleague and even better friend. She was gifted at being able to paint extremely vivid pictures when telling stories, you always felt like you were right there. We shared a lot of laughs at work, the most memorable being holding a 21 staple solute for an electronic stapler we lost in the line of duty and didn't have a budget to replace. The ceremony was complete with playing Taps, draping a small American flag over the stapler and each of us firing off 21 staples from our desk stapler. I don't remember laughing so hard. Char will be missed greatly. I also had the pleasure of meeting Tom and Paige and you both are in my thoughts and prayers. Char was truly one of a kind.

Paul Klamert - January 19, 2021 at 07:32 PM



*Bahaha! I love that story! One of a kind, for sure!*

**Paige Irene** - March 14, 2021 at 09:32 PM

PK

“ *Char and I met when we were both hired at the IRS. She was a great, knowledgeable colleague and an even better friend. She was truly gifted at painting extremely vivid pictures when telling a story, you always felt like you were right there. We shared a lot of laughs at work, the most memorable being having a 21 staple solute when we lost an electronic stapler in the line of duty where there was no budget to replace it. Draping a small American flag over the stapler, playing Taps and each of us firing off 21 staples was something I'll never forget. I don't remember ever laughing so hard. I also had the great pleasure to meet her husband Tom and daughter Paige. I am so sorry for your loss and you all have been in my thoughts and Prayers.*

**Paul Klamert** - January 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM

BC

“ *I met Char when she started with the IRS. I was the secretary in her department. We used to keep a book of funny/weird cases. My favorite was the elderly lady who came in for an audit and it turned out she owned a sex shop. She looked like everyone's grandmother. She used to kid me that she signed me up for a sex class. . .strange but true. I will miss her greatly. We continued our friendship after she left the IRS. Hoping to attend her memorial service when the time comes.*

**Bonnie Cohen** - January 17, 2021 at 03:34 AM



*Thank you, Bonnie! You were a good friend to my mom ❤️*

**Paige Irene** - March 14, 2021 at 09:40 PM

GG

“ Dear Tom amd family  
I do not know if you would remember me but I worked part-time for Char during tax season and had so much fun with her and on Sat you would make the coffee and get the donuts and she was such a wonderful woman. God be with you and your family during these hard times

Gail Gotch

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Gail M Gotch - January 15, 2021 at 11:11 AM



Thank you for the kind words, Gail ❤️

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Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:41 PM

JW

“ Tom & Paige, My sincere sympathy. I enjoyed working with Char all those years, especially the goodies she made for us and the cats that helped me at my work station. I will truly miss her, although I had not seen her for a few years (she was always with her cute horse). I first met Char at H&R and had a lasting friendship. I will really miss her. Joann Wahl

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Joann Wahl - January 12, 2021 at 08:47 AM



Thank you for the kind words, Joann! I think I remember you being friends with my mom since I can first remember anything, haha. ❤️

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Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:42 PM

MC

“ Dear Tom and family,  
I'm so very sorry for this painful loss. I know  
it's been a long road for all of you, like I did  
with my husband, but it doesn't make this any  
easier. I hope you'll find comfort in your happy  
memories, and peace in the love of your friends.



*Marsha Connet*

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**Marsha Radewan Connet** - January 11, 2021 at 11:40 PM



*Thank you, Marsha, we appreciate the kind sentiments* ❤️

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**Paige Irene** - March 14, 2021 at 09:42 PM

JB

“ To Dr. Mano and family.....our deepest  
condolences at this time in your lives. There  
are no appropriate words. Miss seeing you  
and staff, and all you helped us with in our  
pets lives. Wish we had met Char! Jan & Jim  
Blazek



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**Jan Blazek** - January 11, 2021 at 05:12 PM



*Thank you, Jan* ❤️

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**Paige Irene** - March 14, 2021 at 09:46 PM

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Char's passing so young. She was a fellow member in a women's business group and also did our taxes for several years. I loved to hear her laughter. RIP  
Terry Backmann

Terry Backmann - January 11, 2021 at 12:34 PM



Thank you for the kind words, Terry. She did love a joke, haha! ❤️

Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:46 PM

SR

“ Dear Dr. Tom and Family;  
I learned yesterday of your wife's passing. I know you and family will miss her a lot. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Sharon Ramquist

Sharon Ramquist - January 11, 2021 at 08:30 AM



Thank you for the kind words, Sharon ❤️

Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Char. My heart goes out to you during these difficult times. I ask God to guide you and hold you close. Peace be with you.  
Mary Ann McGinn

Maryann Mcginn - January 10, 2021 at 11:45 AM



Thank you, Mary Ann ❤️

Paige Irene - March 14, 2021 at 09:47 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dan Barker** - January 07, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Kathy Platta** - January 07, 2021 at 05:57 PM

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**Kathy Platta** - January 07, 2021 at 05:54 PM

BW

“ *Tom, I am so sorry to here about Char. Even tho we never had the pleasure to meet her, I am sure she was a great person. Our son & daughter in-law (Chris & Ally) always said how nice she was.*

*Bill & Cheryl Wood*

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**Bill Wood** - January 07, 2021 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ *When I see this photo of my cousin with her horse, I smile. It reminds me of a photograph of her on her first pony. I hope they have horses in heaven. - Jennifer Annis Marquardt*

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**Jennifer Marquardt** - January 06, 2021 at 11:28 PM

PA

*She sure loves horses. I'm sure they're up there with her.*

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**Paige** - January 07, 2021 at 08:24 PM

PA

“ *Missing my mom. She was a pretty cool lady.*



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**Paige** - January 06, 2021 at 06:24 PM

MC

*What a wonderful picture. Love is written all over both of your faces.*

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**Marsha Radewan Connet** - January 11, 2021 at 11:35 PM

GG

*She was so proud of you and such a wonderful woman*  
*Gail Gotch*

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**Gail M Gotch** - January 15, 2021 at 11:09 AM

AA

*One of my fondest memories was when all the cousins were together in Gretna, NE on July 4th. It was a great family celebration.*

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**Alison Almquist** - January 22, 2021 at 10:23 PM