

## Obituary – Carol Ann Meyer 1967-2020



a victim but a survivor who would influence and inspire others who had suffered a trauma event.

Despite her horrific burns Carol had a beauty that shone through any physical injury and an attitude that could motivate the most depressed of people. Two years ago she attended the World Burn Congress in Texas with fellow Australian burn survivor and close friend, Karen Jaques and together they showed the world the meaning of the word survivor.

Award winning Photographer Brian Casey first met Carol in 2011. He said it took several years to pluck up the courage to ask her if he could take her portrait for a story that would detail how she survived such a horrendous fire. Carol agreed and the resulting photo's were amazing, so amazing that one of

**Carol Ann Meyer** lost her fight with cancer in December last year but this amazing lady left a legacy that will never be forgotten. Carol was burned in a house fire in Cairns, Australia in 2000. She was suffered burns to 85% of her body and endured more than 100 excruciating operations. Her injuries were so bad that doctors thought there was no way she could survive and almost turned off her life support when she was in the hospital. Luckily they didn't and Carol spent years telling her story to inspire others, especially burn survivors and their families. I had the good fortune to first meet Carol at an adult burn retreat in Australia more than 10 years ago. She was an inspiration beyond words. She made the choice to not be

the photo's has been shortlisted in the "Portrait of Humanity" project, an exhibition of 200 photographs that are to be exhibited in space and transmitted through the universe in binary code.

Carol's best friend, fellow burn survivor Karen Jacques wrote "I will be lost without you but you will be forever in my heart and thoughts... You will be leaving a huge footprint, especially to the burns community. You have touched so many hearts."

**I can echo those sentiments as this incredible woman inspired so many and has left a legacy of courage, hope and beauty to all who met her. RIP Carol, your memory will live on in the hearts of all those you touched.**