

## ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS ASSOCIATION

**Carol J. Bayley. 16 April 1943 - 5 Jul 2017**



Carol Joined the Royal Observer Corps in June 1961 at the age of 18.

She served as an Observer at Coventry Group Headquarters, on Crew 4, Crew 1 and Crew 2. She held several appointments as Post Display Supervisor, and Triangulation Supervisor on Crew 1 in the rank of Leading Observer.



She changed Crew night and became a Crew Supervisor as a Chief Observer in Aug 1978. By October 1978 she had been appointed an Assistant Crew Officer. Carol joined the ranks of the Officer cadre in December 1980 as an Observer Officer. Promotion to Observer Lieutenant came in Nov 1986, a rank and position she held until Stand down in Sept 1991.

Carol always gave her full attention to her crew responsibilities and broadened her knowledge and understanding by attending ROC Annual Camp regularly, undertaking instructional duties, and other courses where possible.

With the Stand Down of the ROC Carol became a valued member of the ROCA willingly supporting events and proffering ideas that could be translated into good fund raising activities or social events. She was an active member of the holiday group in Coventry ROCA. In later years she found health issues limited her activities but she always made sure that she was available to support to the best of her ability.

Throughout her working life at University of Warwick, and raising a family, she maintained her activities with the ROC and approached everything with a straightforward style, secure in the knowledge that she had all the information she needed to complete that task.

Although the ROC was probably the long-term mainstay of her life, Carol served for many years on the Bench as a local Magistrate too. She was also a fully involved member of her local Bowling Club, the Soropimists of Coventry and the U3A as well.

Her strength of character was fully in evidence in her last days when she was content that all she needed to have done had indeed been done.

She will be greatly missed

**Jenny Major**