



My name is Carol Ann Holt. I've lived in Ocean Park Maine since I retired in 2005. I came to Unity during my time with Bill French from 2012 until his passing in 2019.

Prior to my retirement I lived and worked in Washington, DC as a bookkeeper for the Child Welfare League of America. I moved to DC following my divorce in 1986 to join Church of the Saviour, inspired by a previous visit years before and renewed by a book by Elizabeth O'Connor, "The New Community"

Even though my college degree was as an art major at Skidmore College, 1969, I had taught myself bookkeeping in a family construction business for 15 years. Just before moving to DC. I worked part time for one year as a bookkeeper for the Albany, NY Presbytery where, I found Elizabeth O'Connor's book in the office library. The Executive Director wrote a reference letter praising my work which helped me secure a position with CWLA in DC.

I raised four children, one of whom was adopted and I have four grandchildren and one great grandson.

My move to Ocean Park was prompted by my son who was living and married here. We had vacationed regularly in OP since my youngest was in diapers, so this was where he chose to live and raise a family. My daughter has settled here as well with her wife.

Now I live in my condo with my 27-pound cat (aka Mr. Fuzzy Paws), who wakes me each morning by stroking my cheek and gentle head butts, often in time for morning meditation with Elizabeth Peterson.

Unity is the closest community I found much like Church of the Saviour, so it feels as if I have come home.