



Avalon Parsons

May 15, 1938 - April 21, 2023

Avalon was born on a homesteaded farm on the Mojave Desert, May 15, 1938 to her parents, Vale and Elizabeth Williams Mansur, and died April 21st, 2023 after a long battle with cancer.

She spent the first twelve years of her life on the Desert. She spent her teenage years on a farm in the Sacramento Valley and was a student at Sacramento State University.

Avalon and David Parsons were married at College of the Pacific in Stockton, California in 1968. She has been an enthusiastic resident of Bend, Oregon since 1972.

As an adult, her special interests and involvements were music and painting. She was very productive as a painter, selling her work through galleries in California, Arizona and Oregon. She made many requested donations of painting to charitable causes over the years.

She played violin in the Central Oregon Symphony for 25 years. She was a

member of the founding board of the Central Oregon Symphony Association and was active in its early "Music in Public Place" program.

Avalon was also a poet. She received the Browning Award in San Francisco for her poetry in the early 1970's.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an older brother, and a son Mark. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, a son Paul of Bend, and a brother, David in Australia.

Tribute Wall

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“ *For my dear friend and nature lover, may you rest in peace.*

Carol Elwood - May 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Every moment with Avalon felt precious to me, and my life was so enriched by our visits. Playing music together, sharing our different artistic endeavors, passionately discussing current events... I'm trying to remember her unfinished book about clams, yams, and fancy jams. Creativity just bubbled out of her. I'm going to have an honorary coffee and ocean roll on her birthday. And write her one more haiku.*

Carol Elwood - May 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Avalon Parsons - May 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM