



## Carol Leone Virgin

January 26, 1940 - March 9, 2025

Carol Leone James Virgin quietly slipped through the veil on March 9, 2025, from congestive heart failure. Carol was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 26, 1940, to loving parents Elmer Asper James and Esther Briggs Dea James. She was their first child, followed by Richard Dea, Nancy and John Douglas (“Dougie”).

Carol was a caring and loving child and watched over her siblings as each came along. When her youngest brother Dougie became terminally ill, her mother spent most of her time over the next two years at the hospital. At this time, nine-year-old Carol became a mother figure to her younger siblings. To this day they all remain very close to each other.

When Carol was 25, her mother passed away at the age of 51. She returned to Salt Lake City to assist her father with the family business. While there, her first son was born. Her father remarried 1 1/2 years later to Anne Marie Knaphus Gerritsen and added three more brothers to the family, John Adrian, Bryan Reed and Allen Paul Gerritsen.

Carol began her education in Salt Lake City at Ensign Elementary, Bryant Jr. High and West High School where she was a member of the Pep club. Following high school, she attended the University of Utah for two years where she was a member of the Phi Mu sorority. She then transferred to Utah State University where she received in BA in Sociology, making her the first to graduate from college in her family.

While at Utah State, she met her eternal companion, Richard “Terry” Virgin.

They were married on June 10, 1963, in the LDS Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, UT. Terry graduated with a degree in forestry, and they moved to California for his first job with the U.S. Forest Service. Eight years later, they moved to Bend, OR where he worked on the Deschutes national forest until he retired. Carol worked for the Office of Personnel Management for 32 years until her retirement.

During their time in California, they welcomed three sons, James Douglas (“Jim”) born June 6, 1965, Layne Terry born August 26, 1967, and Cory Eugene born June 23, 1971. After moving to Bend, they welcomed their fourth son, Kolby Craig born March 21, 1979. Their family continued to grow as they welcomed 13 grandchildren over the years. Carol was an amazing grandmother hosting numerous “grandma camps,” sleepovers and always attended their athletic events, plays, recitals and concerts.

Carol was a woman of many talents, learning to play the violin at a young age, as well as taking piano lessons. At the age of 83, she decided to take piano lessons again. At the age of 16, her mother enrolled her in finishing school where she learned skills in etiquette and refinement, however, most of that came to her naturally. She was truly a refined lady.

Creativity was her niche, and she could organize any kind of party and make it fancy like a gala every time. She even organized two surprise parties for her sister and sister-in-law, even though she lived two states away. Both were a huge success, and they were both elated. To return the favor, her sister surprised her with a surprise birthday party for her 85th birthday, where all her boys and most of her grandchildren were able to attend.

Carol was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She always had strong faith in her Savior Jesus Christ. She served faithfully in many callings throughout her life, radiating love to all she came in contact with and developing lifelong friendships. She and Terry served as temple ordinance workers in the Portland temple for over 17 years as well as service missionaries for seven years.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of almost 62 years, Terry, who has

taken such good care of her, and her four sons, Jim (Robin) of Vancouver, WA, Layne (Denise) of Bonney Lake, WA, Cory (Jamie) of Hubbard, OR and Kolby (Kira) of Keizer, OR. She is also survived by her siblings Richard (Betty) of Ivins, UT, Nancy of Ivins, UT, John (Janice) of Salt Lake City, UT, Bryan (Becky) of North Ogden, UT, sister-in-law Juli Gerritsen of Salt Lake City, UT, and twelve grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer, Esther and Marie, as well as two brothers, Dougie and Allen.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Partners in Care Hospice services for their professional loving support and care.

A viewing will be held on March 22nd, 2025, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1260 NE Thompson Dr., Bend, OR, followed by a celebration of life at 1pm. Interment will be at the Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, OR.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
1260 NE Thompson Drive  
Bend, OR 97701

## Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
1260 NE Thompson Drive  
Bend, OR 97701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Biggest heart ever! Aunt Carol was always smiling and had a way of making everyone feel welcome. She has wonderful children and will be remembered fondly! Love you Aunt Carol and family <3*

Tyler Gerritsen - March 21, 2025 at 09:33 AM



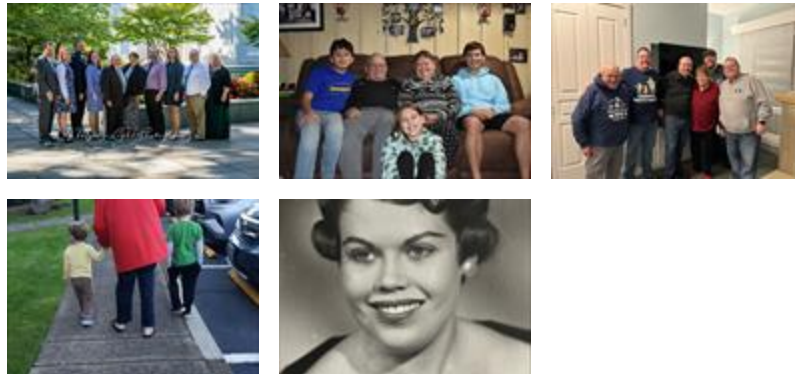
“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Carol Leone Virgin.*



March 19, 2025 at 01:16 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Mom*



Kolby Virgin - March 18, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CH

“ Carol was always a part of everything that was happening. She could be counted on to make every event, social, campout or any other activity the best possible. She worked tirelessly on so many things. She always had a smile and always a caring touch that finished off everything. She was an enthusiastic supporter of her family and others. I am so grateful to have known her. She will be an active, loving angel. It will be fun to see her at that work.  
CaRene Heap

CaRene C Heap - March 18, 2025 at 01:57 PM

KV

Thanks Sister Heap! Your family always be part of our lives in Bend.

Kolby Virgin - March 18, 2025 at 04:41 PM

PI

“ Preston and Alaina Isom purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Carol Leone Virgin.



Preston and Alaina Isom - March 14, 2025 at 08:03 PM

PI

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Leone Virgin.



March 14, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Leone Virgin.

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“ Seth and Karla Southern family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Carol Leone Virgin.



Seth and Karla Southern family - March 13, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Leone Virgin.



March 13, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Leone Virgin.

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“ Mom, you were the best Mom ever! I will take Neil Diamonds songs to my heart as they will remind me of you. Sweet Carol Leone! Good times never seemed so good! Love your baby boy, Kolby

Kolby Virgin - March 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

TJ

“ Dear Virgin Family,  
Your Mother was so kind and inclusive. Always thinking of others and doing good for those in need. Going through my divorce was very difficult. I had not worked for 10 years and needed to find a job right away that I could do that I could take care of the kids at the same time. I got on at the School District, but I needed a food handlers permit. I did not have the money to get one. On that day, Aunt Carol and Aunt Nancy happened to stop by to check on us and they gave me the money to get my permit. It really saved my life. I am still with the district and have been better off for this act of kindness.  
I have grown from the example of unconditional love your family has always shown us. We are sorry for your loss and send our love to all of you. With Love, Terri, Hunter and Cloe James

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**Terri James** - March 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DI

“ Carol provided an infectious smile and warm greeting each and every time we saw each other! She had a caring heart! She had a deep love for her family which you could see as she interacted with or talked about her family! Our family has been blessed knowing Carol, her loving husband Terry and our dear friends Layne and Denise! I know as a Loving Angel, she is still smiling among us.

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**Diana** - March 12, 2025 at 01:47 PM

LV

“ I love you mom and miss you terribly. I patiently wait until we meet again.

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**Layne Virgin** - March 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

PB

*Carol and Terry Virgin have been an intricate part of our lives since 1978 and hold a special spot in our hearts. As I thought about writing this memories flooded my mind. I loved Carol's grandkids camp and patterned mine after hers. My grandchildren hold those camps dear to their hearts! Thank you Carol for that great idea! Carol and I served as Activity Day leaders together and I will never forget the 'Tea' she suggested we have with the girls and mothers. She pulled out her finest china, made beautiful dainty desserts and taught the girls how to behave properly in a more formal environment. When my daughter gave birth to triplets we had our two granddaughters for a long while. Carol borrowed our girls and gave me breaks. She and Terry became lovingly know as 'Grandma Carol and Cushy Terry', names given them by my granddaughters. Carol was always first there to serve when a need arose and served me many times when my children got married. A dear Bend friend said to me when Carol passed, "I can't imagine a Bend without Carol!" I think we all agree! Our love to the Virgin family, all of whom we love and cherish! May you find peace in Christ! I look forward to sharing an eternal friendship with Carol, a truly Christ like person! Paulette & Vern Bartley*

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**Paulette Bartley** - March 19, 2025 at 10:10 PM