



Mrs. Carol Lynn Dover

October 28, 1933 - November 19, 2024

Carol Dover, a resident of Avila Senior Living Center in San Luis Obispo, California, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2024 with her children at her side.

Carol was born in Peoria Illinois on Oct 28, 1933 to Vay and Jennie (Mohn) Hopper. She began her education at Northwestern University in Chicago before marrying Tom Dover in 1954. In 1955 they moved to Fullerton, California. After her divorce, she raised her three children, Clifford Martin, Julia Lynne, and Ross Joseph, while working and attending school at the local Community College, then at Cal State Fullerton. She began her teaching career in Riverside County schools as an English teacher. She served for a time as president of her local Teachers Union, and after achieving a Masters Degree, went on to become a Vice-principal.

After Carol retired in 1997, she moved to San Luis Obispo, near her son, Ross's family. Here she took up Bridge, joined First Presbyterian Church, became an active member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and volunteered as a Reading Buddy with elementary school children. She was a fierce advocate for education, and particularly passionate about advancing education for and empowering girls and women, especially single mothers.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Vay and Jennie, her son, Cliff, and grandson, Adam. She is survived by her daughter, Julia Sexton (Dan) of Arlington Texas, her son, Ross Dover (Pachy) of San Luis Obispo, her Daughter-in-law, Dottie, of Rossville GA, five beloved grandchildren and seven precious great-grandchildren. She managed to stay active in all of their lives, despite distance. She also leaves innumerable dear friends, from childhood through retirement.

In 2023 her family congregated for a reunion in San Luis Obispo

in honor of her 90th birthday. There she relished being among the all the generations one more time, as they cooked and played and laughed together. Donations may be made in Carol's memory to the AAUW Re-entry Scholarship fund at <https://slo-ca.aauw.net/scholarship/>

Memorial service pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many fond memories of Grandma Carol. My strongest memory is when she would take us to Froggy’s for Reese’s cup milkshakes after school - in true grandma-like fashion, spoiling the grandkids :) I also recall that she would always ask how my dad’s health was, with genuine care and this meant a lot to me. These core memories remind me of her beautiful smile, her kind heart, and her unconditional love ❤️

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