

Carol May Richins Paulson

November 23, 1932 ~ February 28, 2025

Carol May Richins Paulson passed away peacefully at home on February 28, 2025, surrounded by her husband and two daughters.

Carol was born on November 23, 1932, in the home of her grandmother Martha Laird in Eureka, Utah, to Orville Richins and Pansy (Pat) Laird. Carol had one sibling, Arlis Larry Richins, born in Grandma Richins' house on Carterville Road. Grandpa Richins gave up his job with the railroad and started work with Pacific Pipe Steel Co. so the family could move to a little white house in Provo. They made this move so Carol could go to school.

Carol attended Timpanogos Elementary, Dixon Junior High, and graduated from Provo High School. She was on the drill team in high school. She babysat for money and earned 10 cents an hour. She also worked for Barbasian sewing clothes, but she hated the work and quit after five days. Next she worked at the Market Basket Grocery Store in the deli for a couple of months.

By age 19, she got a job for Mountain Bell and worked there until her retirement 30 years later. She started with the switchboard, moved to dial administration, then later engineering. She received a Hamiton wooden clock for 25 years of service. She also received 12 pins for never missing a day of work for 12 years!

At age 22, she went with Paul Paulson on a blind date to Lagoon, where they saw the Four Aces Quartette. The two were married on April 23, 1955, in Reno, Nevada, and had their reception at the RLDS church. Their first home was in the basement apartment of her parents' home, where they lived for three years. They had their first baby there, Lynne Ann, and later Debra Kay. With two small children, they moved a few blocks away to a newly built home by the river bridge, where they have lived for 67 years.

The family drove to Disneyland when Lynne Ann was 10 years old. In 1972 they travelled to Coeur d'Alene for a family reunion. Other family vacations included Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, Denver, and visiting a Coors Beer Factory. Vacations with their adult friends included Hawaii—all seven islands with Jack and Sharon Salmon, a Caribbean cruise, and Bouchard Gardens in Washington with Fakler Tire Managers. Later in life they liked to go to Lynne's cabin at Bear Lake.

On Carol and Paul's anniversary in 1992 they were married in the Provo Temple. In retirement, they both worked in the Provo Temple, where Carol did temple clothing distribution for a year.

They purchased a fifth wheel and loved to go to St. George and stay at Winter Haven to get warm. While they were there, Carol played cards with friends while Paul loved to golf, swim, and ride his bike. Carol played on a golf league at the Provo Golf Course. She was a visiting teacher and loved to visit the neighbors with her partner. She was a Pink Lady at Utah Valley Hospital for two years. She also worked at Haywards Scene II.

Carol enjoyed celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary at Chuck-a-Rama with her family and her 80th birthday at the Elks Lodge. She loved to work in her yard, sit on the back porch and enjoy the summer weather. She loved to watch Judge Judy, The Price is Right, Jeopardy, and Steve Colbert. She loved her great-grandkids to come over and run through her house playing hide-and-seek. She will be very dearly missed.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 12:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E Dimple Dell Road (10600 S), Sandy, UT. A viewing will take place prior from 11:00-11:45 AM at the same location. Interment will take place at Larkin Sunset Gardens. The service will be livestreamed via Zoom and can be joined by clicking the "Watch Services" button above.