



Mary Carol Brockbank Olson

December 23, 1926 - May 17, 2016

Carol Brockbank Olson, died on May 17, 2016 in her Salt Lake City, Utah home. Her death followed a few short months of declining health due to pancreatic cancer. She was 89 years old. Carol was born in Provo, Utah on Dec 23, 1926 and raised as one of nine Brockbank sisters. After graduating from Brigham Young University she married Dean W Gray and started a family of Jennifer, Steve (Janice), Chris (Cheryl), Melissa (Bryan Holbrook), Peter (Susan), and Lynn (Steve Ostler). Returning from her husband Dean's medical studies in Palo Alto, CA and St Louis, MO, Carol moved into her beloved home of fifty years at 1707 South 2100 East in Salt Lake City. She raised her family, teaching them of the unconditional love and support of a mother. Following divorce and as a single mother of six, Carol earned her JD from the University of Utah and was later honored as one of the first 100 female attorneys in the state of Utah. In 1973 Carol was blessed to marry Ike Olson, a one-time childhood friend and sweetheart in Provo. She knew and felt true love from Ike for the rest of her life. Carol's family grew to include Ike's boys Kim (Bobette), Scott (Kathleen), Roger (Allison), Steve (Melanie), and Todd (Julene).

Carol loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and she never shied away from a difficult gospel question. She had a voracious appetite for the truths of the gospel, studying daily. She also enjoyed church service, serving in many positions within the church, as well as fulfilling two missions with her husband to Sweden. Carol remained active in area organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and Val Norn, enjoying many circles of friends.

Carol was happiest in the company of her adoring husband and eleven children. She will be remembered as an independent woman who treasured the gospel and who gave quiet service to the immigrant, the poor, the elderly, and others she found in need. Her grandchildren will remember her as the grandma who played with them, gave funny gifts and loved them dearly.

She is survived by her husband, Ike Olson; children; foster daughter Rosalie; 62 grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Livingston and Joyce Beazer; and many nieces, nephews,

and great-grandchildren. Carol was predeceased by her son Steve; grandson Kody; granddaughter Mary Elizabeth and sisters Ila Peterson, Shirley Paxman, Eleanor Brimhall, Helen Weech, Patty Fillmore, and Kay Webber.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Little Cottonwood 16th Ward, 6350 South Rodeo Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may call at the church Sunday, May 22, from 6-8:00 p.m. and Monday from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment, Provo City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Brockbank Education Fund, befcharity.org. Condolences may be expressed to the family at <http://www.bergmortuary.com>.

Cemetery

Events

Provo City Cemetery
610 South State Street
Provo, UT, 84606

MAY	Visitation	06:00PM - 08:00PM
22	<hr/> Little Cottonwood 16th Ward Chapel 6350 South Rodeo Lane, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84121	
MAY	Visitation	10:00AM - 10:45AM
23	<hr/> Little Cottonwood 16th Ward Chapel 6350 South Rodeo Lane, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84121	
MAY	Funeral Service	11:00AM
23	<hr/> Little Cottonwood 16th Ward Chapel 6350 South Rodeo Lane, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84121	

Comments



“ Sympathies to the entire Gray/Olson clan. She will be missed.

As a child growing up next to the Gray/Olsons, Mrs. Gr-olson (as we Bennetts lovingly called her), was, for me, one of the the most influential figures in the neighborhood. A good portion of my childhood was spent at the Grolsons. For my formative childhood years, Peter Gray was my best friend. Looking back, I now realize that Peter was a "Huck Finn" figure for me--older, wiser, and always dreaming up exciting adventures that pushed my boundaries. Whether it was catching guppies in the backyard pond, climbing the 60 foot pine trees in the backyard, frying ants with our magnifying lenses (sorry ants), blowing up plastic army figures with fire crackers, playing with his pet baby alligator or sleeping outside on the 2nd story deck in the summer--the property next door was a mix between floating down the Mississippi and the Wild West.

If 1707 South 2100 East was the Wild West (which it felt like to me), Mrs. Grolson was the sheriff. Mrs. Grolson created a warm and inviting home environment. She was always friendly and upbeat. Her positive outlook always made me feel welcome--even at all hours of the day and night. She made or oversaw endless meals for Peter and me. She made me feel comfortable for the many summer sleepovers at their house. Although her gentle presence was always felt, she gave wide latitude to Peter and my adventures. To her credit, Peter and I did make it through childhood with all fingers and toes intact, despite the many things we exploded in the backyard.

Carol Grolson will always have a special place in my heart. My sympathies to all the Gray Olson family. I'll remember her warmly whenever I see happy children playing in the summer sun.

Best,

Jim Bennett

Jim Bennett - May 29, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Gray/Olson family. Carol and Ike were treasured friends of our parents, Joe and Lorraine Henriod, and part of the Monument Park 10th Ward Village that were parents to all of the children of the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Love always,

Jane Henriod Wise

J Wise - May 22, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ We have missed Ike and Carol since they moved, but treasure the association we had with them in the ward for such a long time. I don't think I ever saw Carol without a smile on her face. What a great example of pure Christlike love and faith she showed. I loved seeing Ike and Carol on their daily walks all over Sugarhouse! Thanks for your great example of love and happiness! Lisa Foster

Lisa Foster - May 22, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ Oh, Carol, how we loved you! You were an example, a mentor and more importantly a friend to our family. Our love and sympathies to Ike and your whole family. We have missed you here but know you loved your new home. Thank you for all you did for us. You were really there in time of need. With love, Evie and Brent Brewerton

Evie Brewerton - May 22, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson.



May 21, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ Love, Heidi Jeanfreau purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson.



Love, Heidi Jeanfreau - May 21, 2016 at 03:02 PM



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“ Bonnie Huish is following this tribute.

Bonnie Huish - May 21, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Bonnie Brockbank Huish lit a candle in memory of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson



Bonnie Brockbank Huish - May 21, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson.



May 20, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson.



May 20, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ The Fillmore Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Carol Brockbank Olson.



The Fillmore Family - May 20, 2016 at 11:55 AM