

Carol Denison Santesson

May 15, 2025

Colleague AA In Memoriam Report

0165005 Carol A.D. Santesson

Birth Name: Carol A Denison

Deceased Date: 05/15/25 Reunion Class(es): 1961, NG

Last Address of Deceased: (Preferred Address)

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Relations...:

Byrgholdt, Shon - Stepdaughter **Deceased

- Source: RLA

Santesson, Heather - Daughter

- Source: RLA

Santesson Kaye, Paula - Stepdaughter

- Source: RLA

Santesson, Mark - Son

- Source: RLA

Santesson, Carl G. - Late Husband **Deceased

- Source: RLA

Employment

Employer	Start Date	End Date	Position
Providence St Vincent Medical			Registered Nurse (rn)

Volunteer

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Role
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Education

Institution	Degree	Date Rcvd
Univ Oregon	BS	06/01/63
Lewis Clark College	NG	
Mount Holyoke College	Non Grad	Institution NG

Clippings

Publication: The Oregonian

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Text: Carol Santesson passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Terwilliger Plaza assisted living on 5-17-25 at the age of 86. She was born Carol Anne Denison. She also lived at the Ackerly in Sherwood and Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego. At various times in her life, she lived in Dunthorpe, Aloha, Sherwood, and Coquille, OR and Kansas City, MO. She attended University of Oregon/OHSU Nursing school, Lewis and Clark College and Mt. Holyoke College in MA. She graduated from Catlin High School in Portland.

During her lifetime, she realized her dreams of becoming a Registered Nurse, getting married, having children, owning horses, working a small farm and traveling the world. Her friends say that she was very proud of her children and her grandchild and their accomplishments. She was a very loving mother and grandmother. Carol was a longtime loyal friend to Clemmie and Janie and many others.

In 1997 she was "knighted" by the Sherwood Robin Hood Festival for all of her volunteer work in the community of Sherwood which included organizing the Robin Hood Festival Flower Show, volunteering in the schools, leading several Camp Fire Groups, volunteering with the Sherwood Wildlife Refuge, and with the Friends of the Library. She also supported the OHSU Ethics Center POLST program. She was a member of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America with her mother and later her daughter. Through them she volunteered at the Hoover Minthorne House in Newberg just as her mother had before her. Preceding her in death is her mother, Margaret, her father, Tom, her husband Carl and step-daughter Shoneen. Carol is survived by her daughter Heather, son Mark (Deborah) and granddaughter Feahna, step-daughter Paula (Bruce), step-son in-law Richard, five step-grand children, Brooke, Tyler, Forrest, Karen, Alan, three step-great grandchildren, her sister Harriet and brother Allen (Martha), nieces and nephew, Carrie (Chris), Thacher (Kate), and Annie (Reed) and nine grand-nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in Carol's name to one of the following:

-OHSU Ethics Center POLST Program

(give.ohsufoundation.org/?pid=ethics).

-The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

(<https://friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/page-1863719>).

-Camp Namanu (<https://www.campnamanu.com/donations>).