



Carolyn Louise James Barber

May 22, 1932 - November 14, 2020

Carolyn Louise James Barber passed away peacefully on November 14, 2020, in Provo, UT, with her husband of 64 years, Dave Barber, at her side. Carolyn was born in Salt Lake City, UT, on May 22, 1932, to parents Clyde and Vera James. She graduated from Provo High School and went on to graduate from Brigham Young University, where she was active in social clubs (President of Val Norn) and earned a B.A. in Journalism. Carolyn worked for KSL Radio, writing advertising copy, where she won \$100 for writing the KSL tagline that eventually went nationwide: “Programing designed with you in mind.” She later taught English and Journalism at East High in Salt Lake City. Carolyn married David L. Barber, Jr. on July 2, 1956 and they raised four children. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and volunteered in many school and church functions, including serving as Ward Relief Society President, Stake Relief Society President, Young Women’s President, and as a volunteer in the Las Vegas Temple for 17 years. Everyone loved being around Carolyn, with her twinkling blue eyes, loving spirit, and generous ways. She enjoyed art, fashion, interior decorating, cooking, and shopping—especially when finding a bargain! She was the beloved “Nanni” to 13 grandchildren and spoiled them with love and the gift of her time. After moving to California in 1981, Carolyn and Dave eventually retired to Henderson, NV, in 1999. Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Vera James, and her sister, Gloria James Weitzel. She is survived by her husband David Barber, daughter, Melissa Barber (Frank)

Benavidez, sons Brent (Carolyn) Barber, Jeffrey (Carlie) Barber, and Timothy Barber, brother, Richard (Linda) James, and 13 grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned on a future date.

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Louise James Barber

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I had the privilege of knowing & loving Carolyn & Dave when they moved into Sun City Anthem about the same time we moved into our Coventry Homes @ Anthem home in Sept. 1999. I loved welcoming them to the ward, and so appreciated their gourmet cooking for a Relief Society event that this novice RS Pres misscheduled and had to move from a chapel into a private home. Carolyn always had a positive attitude and sweet smile. I remember her teaching the Teacher Development course in a trailer outside the Warm Springs Stake Center. We shared the many Ward splits, boundary changes, stake organizations throughout the years and were happy to once again be in the same Anthem Ward these last couple years. Richard & I are glad that we took that Sunday in January 2020 to visit Carolyn at Pacifica and then Dave at his rehab place recuperating after taking a spill outside his home, where he talked about his son wanting them to move onto their “castle” in Provo. Glad they were together with family to wish Carolyn well as she graduated this life. Two love birds always!

Helen R. Coombs - November 27, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JC

“ My sweetheart and I were blessed to have Carolyn and Dave as friends here in Henderson. They were a part of a group of friends. We had probably 8-10 couples in the group. We got together once a month and met for dinner and conversation. It was one of my favorite times. Carolyn was one of my favorites. She was a lady through and through. I especially loved her giggle 😊. Dave absolutely adored her, they were fun to be with. Heaven is lucky to have her ❤️❤️❤️. I will miss my friend. 😊😘

Jodi Christensen - November 23, 2020 at 01:48 AM

MB

That you, Jodi. My dad (Dave) so appreciates all of these stories and memories.

Melissa Benavidez - November 26, 2020 at 01:33 AM

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“ Carolyn and I were assigned to be visiting teaching partners when I first moved to Henderson over 15 years ago. I loved her from the start and learned so much from her deli fence and joy in serving each sister we were assigned to. She is classy in every way and will be greatly missed on this earth. She and Dave have a great love story and he can recall every detail down to the color of Carolyn's shirt and what they are the day they met.

Jill Krantz - November 17, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MB

Thank you Jill! Yes Dad just adored her from the very first date!

Melissa Benavidez - November 26, 2020 at 01:34 AM