



Carol Joyce Maplesden

November 19, 1922 - October 19, 2021

Born November 19, 1922 to Charles Augustus Pitts and Mary Susanna (Hathaway) Pitts. The middle child of nine children, Charles Albert (1915, died as an infant), Marjorie Estelle (1917), Mary Amanda (1919), Dorothy Beryl (1920), Carol Joyce (1922), Hubert George (1924), Elinor Anne (1926), Elaine Edith (1927), Inez Lucy (1928). Mary Pitts was 25 years old when her first child was born. Carol's growing up years were spent at Noyes Valley Ranch that her dad and uncles owned. She attended East Fork school on the Parker Ranch about a mile and a half over a hill from their house. She rode a horse or walked to school and it was literally uphill both ways, as the old saying goes, "in three feet of snow" was seasonal. Later she attended Etna Union High School and graduated valedictorian. Her and her brother and sisters had many fun days growing up in Noyes Valley.

On April 5, 1941 she married Charles V. Maplesden. Three children were born to this union. Lynn Marie (11/7/1942-8/20/1948), Stanley Charles (3/26/48-9/8/78) and Larry A. (9/26/50).

The family lived in several places in Scott Valley and also in Nevada until 1946 when they purchased a house in Greenview. In the fall of 1956 they purchased the apple orchard up South Kidder Creek Road. Incidentally, the oldest trees at the orchard were planted the year Carol was born. She had a huge garden every year and was usually busy selling apples and cider in the

fall. Most days in the spring and summer she would take her sheep dog "Sugar" and her sheep herd up into the hills behind the orchard for daily feedings. That place was sold in 1976 and became a christian youth camp. She and Charles bounced around from a place they purchased in Greenview to places in Nevada (they often talked about a place called Home Camp in Nevada as being their favorite) and Oregon and then back to Greenview eventually settling at the old Greenview Creamery that had been converted into a house. They lived there from the mid 80's to present. Charles passed away in August 2006.

Carol was very involved with many hobbies from bible studies to bowling and stayed very busy gardening and going to farmers markets. In late 2018 she began suffering from mild dementia. Larry came and stayed with her to help with cooking and cleaning. In November 2019 she suffered a broken hip. At that time the dementia worsened slightly and continued, very slowly, to worsen as the months passed. She was a wonderful patient, always quiet and never got angry, willing to do anything that was asked.

She is survived by her son Larry A. Maplesden (Bonnie) of John Day, Oregon, one sister Dorothy Butler of Fort Jones, daughter-in-law Linda Purvis (Ed) of Rice, Washington, four grandchildren: Stacy Maplesden, Nate (Sarah) Maplesden, Caleb (Sheri) Maplesden, and Shannon Shore, eleven great grandchildren: Mathew and Abby Pierce (Stacy), Davis, Mitchell, Levi, Tucker, Micah (Nate), Jessy Ann, Wyatt Arthur, Morgen Alan, Annie Mae (Shannon) 1 great great grandchild, Noelia (Davis), numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Madrone Hospice or the charity of one's choice. A memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Etna on Friday, November 5 at 11 AM. A family graveside memorial service for interment of their ashes will be planned at a

later date.

Tribute Wall



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 04:03 PM

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“ *I remember my Aunt Carol very fondly. I remember visiting their ranch and apple orchard. I remember her serving home made butter, making applesauce, cooking and canning foods from her garden. I remember her paintings, riding Pedro, her favorite dog, and the Fox Terrier's they raised. I ended up one in 1967. I also remember her helping me complete a sewing project when she visited us in SoCal. She always spoke with kind, truthful, and encouraging words. Aunt Carol, I know you are in Heaven singing in the Angel band with your Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother and other loved ones. They sure don't make them like you, and your siblings, anymore. Jody, Elaine's daughter. Donna Kouns Craig,*

Donna Kouns Craig - November 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ My fondest memories of Carol revolved around spending a week or two at the ranch in the summer. I can remember fishing, rubber band races in the creek, sliding down the stairs on my rear, and fishing in the creek and pond. There was the time that I helped pluck (only time in my life) a bunch of chickens in the kitchen! Another time I remember that Carol, my mom Inee (Inez), and I went to deliver lunch to Charles who was up in the hills cutting lumber. I remember Carol driving a truck that had 4 wheels on the rear axle up a very narrow road. At one point we stopped, and my mom looked to see if we were still on the road. She reported back that one wheel was on the road and the other was over the edge of the cliffside. Needless to say we made it! Carol, I will always have these (and other) fond memories of the times I got to spend with you. Thank you! -Cary

Cary Siemers - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I got to spend time with Carol and Charles when I lived with them between Jr College and University. Carol taught me gardening, bread baking, mushroom hunting, cider making, canning and many things that go with living off the main road at Kidder Creek. I was very lucky to have spent so much time with her and Uncle Charles and their extended family. Kathryn (Inez's daughter)

Kathryn - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remembering Carol Maplesden in our minds and our hearts.



Cary and Wendy - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ With loving memories of "Carol Maplesden",

Tribute Store - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I don't remember when I first met this dear lady. We bowled together, planted flowers on Main Street and crafted together with our Ladies Day Out crafting group. Carol told us of that up hill hike to and from school, of walking past her uncle's garden, hoping he would be working there to offer a few of the strawberries he grew. She told of her job to start the cottage cheese on the still warm cook stove every night before bed so they would have it for breakfast the next morning. Carol talked of being a young newly wed bride happily riding the Nevada range, working cattle and inspecting fence line with her beloved Charles, usually cooking and sleeping under the stars and when the weather was bad, sometimes in line shacks. I know she was a writer, I hope her journals will be published, what a full life she had! Dear sweet Carol, you will truly be missed!

Cecelia Reuter - October 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Carol at a spiritual retreat in 1994. I never forgot her beautiful blue eyes, sense of humor, and always present smile, and I was delighted to get to know her better when I became pastor of the Fort Jones and Etna U.M. Churches in 2015. I recently retired, but Carol (and Dorothy) will be in my heart always. I will so miss her! My most sincere condolences to Larry, Dorothy, the rest of the family and all who loved her.

Dottyie Jill Duval - October 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Larry and Family so sorry for your loss, What a Beautiful Woman, may she Rest In Peace*

Jon and Sandy Nelson - October 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *RIP. So very sorry for your loss.* 🙏🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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Sherry Glendenning - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Carol Joyce Maplesden - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM