



## Carol Lynn Solus

April 26, 1950 - August 30, 2019

Carol Lynn Deike Solus was born on April 26, 1950 and passed away peacefully on August 30, 2019, in Redding, California surrounded by family.

Carol was born in Scotia, California to Earl and Evelyn Deike. She lived in Fortuna, CA and moved to Garberville with her parents and siblings, Steven and Jacalyn, in 1954. Her family then moved back to Fortuna in their family built home, in 1956. Carol graduated from Fortuna High School in 1968.

She spent her summers with her Uncle Keith and Aunt June in Montague. In 1967, Carol was awarded Rodeo Queen at the Montague Stampede Rodeo. Her aunt and uncle would often go camping in the Marble Mountains, where she met her future husband, Richard (Dick) Allen Solus. They were married in 1968, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with a small celebration with family. They resided in Big Springs, where they were blessed with four children, Kristin Varga, Kertis Solus, Keri Casey, who preceded her in death in 2011, and Kay Lynn Engelstad. Carol cared for all children, both her own and not, many still calling her mom whether they were by blood or not.

Carol and Dick raised dairy cattle, pigs, black angus cattle, sheep, horses, chickens, dogs, cats, you name it, they raised it (some even in the house). She helped local farmers cultivate onions, trees, and corn.

Carol was talented in many aspects in her life, including: paintings, ceramics, knitting, crocheting, canning, baking (especially her famous buns), candle making, puzzles, sudoku, bingo, pinochle, glass blowing, slots, and so much more. She taught her talents to all 3 generations of her family. Carol often canned peaches, pears, jams, dilly beans, salsa, and much more. She awarded those as gifts to those closest to her.

Carol enjoyed knitting Christmas stockings for all spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, following in her mother-in-law, Winifred Solus' footsteps. She loved crocheting baby blankets and adult sized blankets for each child, grandchild, great-grandchild, and numerous friends. She was always present for every grandchild and great grandchild's birth. She loved traveling and spending time with her loved ones. She was most known for her caring and generous nature.

Carol started the tradition of Sunday Night Dinners, where the door would always be open. She would be the first to welcome you with a hug and a smile, making sure there was enough food for everyone. To her, there was no stranger. Carol always made special accommodations for certain allergies or dislikes; shellfish, peanuts, or gluten, it didn't matter what it was, there was always food for you to eat.

Carol volunteered at Big Springs Elementary School while all of her children attended, until eventually being hired. For her professional career, she was a beloved aide at Big Springs Elementary School for forty years, a bus driver for thirty years, and after school program teacher since it began. She loved being around and teaching the students. Carol was an active member of DAR, 4-H, Siskiyou County Fair, and the Mayten Fire Department for many years.

She is survived by her husband Richard A. Solus, daughter Kristin Varga (Timothy), son Kertis Solus (Amy), son-in-law Brian Casey, daughter Kay Lynn

Engelstad (Brandon), brother Steven Deike (Nancy), sister-in-law June Girdner, brother-in-law Donald Solus (Kari), brother-in-law Bill Solus (Ewana), sister-in-law Maureen Campbell (Pat), 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grand children, numerous nieces and nephews, and the staff at Big Springs Elementary School. Carol was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Evelyn Deike; sister Jacalyn (Deike) Hunt, daughter Keri (Solus) Casey, granddaughter Alyssa Casey, mother and father-in-law Winifred and Oliver Solus.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 4-6 PM at Girdner Funeral Chapel. A candlelight vigil will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Big Springs Elementary School. Funeral services will be on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Grenada Berean Church. Interment will follow at Little Shasta Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Miners Inn Convention Center in Yreka. Steak and bread will be provided. We would appreciate everyone bringing their favorite dish to share.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to: USI Scholarships, P.O. Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097, Mayten Fire Department, 7410 Hwy. A12, Montague, CA, 96064, or North Country Memorials, 1391 Montague Road, Yreka, CA 96097 for a memorial bench at Big Springs Elementary School.

# Cemetery Details

## Little Shasta Cemetery

Montague, CA 96064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel  
202 S. Oregon St.  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 842-3434  
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

## Candlelight Vigil

SEP 11. 7:30 PM (PT)

Big Springs Elementary School  
7405 Highway A12  
Montague, CA 96064

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Grenada Berean Church  
512 6th Street  
Grenada, CA 96038



# Tribute Wall

DN

“ Hello, family. Thank you for publishing Carol's obituary in the Eureka Times-Standard newspaper. We attended elementary school together, and I have never forgotten her. She was always happy and full of life! It sounds like that continued until her death. I will be thinking of you at this sad time.  
Diana Renner Noyes

Diana Noyes - September 16, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Carol wore so many hats for so many years at Big Springs Elementary School. We will miss seeing her in the community. For years, her and her family were involved in Mayten Fire department as well. Carol thank you for being there for our daughter Maryssa as well as all the other Big Springs children and staff. To the Solus family, Carol was a wonderful lady who will be missed by many. She touched so many lives in such a positive way. Love the Rodriguez Family ( Rick, Debbie, & Maryssa)

Debra Rodriguez - September 10, 2019 at 08:30 PM

CL

“ I first remember seeing Carols smiling face in the livestock office at the fair handing out passes and checking registration papers. Later she became my sub when I went on maternity leave abd then she became a fellow employee at Big Springs. After 20 years or so I finally earned her friendship and reaped the benefits of her homemade treats of jam, scarves and salsa. Carol always felt it was her responsibility to get kids prepared for the next grade, high school or life in general. Big Springs misses you Carol and so do I.  
Love, Caroline

Caroline Luiz - September 07, 2019 at 12:17 AM

CM

“ Carol would always bring in vegetables from her garden to the staff lounge for all to take home. Her tomatoes were delicious and salsa was fantastic. Carol was always at Big Springs School to help anyway she could. Even bringing in her kids to help. She crocheted my sons first stocking for Christmas it was beautiful and even had his name on it. Talent just ran in her veins. Helping kids was her thing. She was so patient with them on the bus. There are lots and lots of memories of Carol. All good ones. I will miss her very much. I am blessed to have known her. Thank you Solus family for sharing her with us.

*Cathy Murphy and Family*

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**Cathy Murphy** - September 06, 2019 at 06:59 AM

DE

“ We will always remember you asking for an ice cube in your coffee when you and Dick dropped by for a visit....never wanted to burn anyone!! You are truly the mother of our beloved Big Springs community Miss Carol, love you...rest sweetie...Ron & Deb

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**Debby** - September 05, 2019 at 11:55 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. I will pray for her family to find peace in this difficult time.

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**Lori Luddon** - September 05, 2019 at 11:04 PM

 Lora Facey

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you!



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**Lora Facey** - September 05, 2019 at 06:09 PM

BW

“ *Bunny Wickersham lit a candle in memory of Carol Lynn Solus*



**Bunny Wickersham** - September 05, 2019 at 06:01 PM

BW

“ *Dear Dick and Family.  
I saw where Carol had left this old world to be with Jesus. I have many fond memories of our kids growing up and 4H with both of you and your children. I live in Oklahoma so I wont be able to pay my respects to you all. Dick I am so sorry for your loss, We go back many yrs. I know she is in our Lords arms and keeping all the critters in heaven in line. Hugs to all of you . She was A ONE of a kind lady. She will be greatly missed by all.  
Sincerely,  
Bunny ( Hill) Wickersham*



**Bunny Wickersham** - September 05, 2019 at 05:59 PM

KP

“ *Love you and miss you Carol!*



**Kerri Petersen** - September 05, 2019 at 04:09 PM

RM

*Such a beautiful loving family! So lucky to have had you in our lives for a while! Lots of love to you all!! Rich & Cindy Miram. ❤️❤️❤️*

**Rich & Cindy Miram** - September 12, 2019 at 09:40 PM

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*“ There are no words. We still need you but God needed you in his kingdom. Until we meet again thank you Carol for all you left us with. We are all better people to have known you. Big Springs lost a beautiful treasure but you will carry on by all the kindness you graced all of with. We will try and make you proud by showing that love and kindness you gifted us with. We love you Miss Carol.*

**sandy nolen** - September 05, 2019 at 03:49 PM

SF

*After meeting and working for years with Carol. She instantly became a dear friend. I will always treasure the wonderful memories we had together. Riding horses, taking our Reno trips, and all the great times we shared. Carol will be surely missed by anyone who knew her. She touched all our hearts, with her smile, kindness, and caring. She was a gift to us all.*

**Sharen fleisch** - September 07, 2019 at 03:35 PM

MM

*may the blessings that Carol left as a legacy for family and friends be part of all of our lives. My prayers for peace for her and her family. Where memories live she is there.*

*Marilyn (Waters) Marchi*

**Marilyn Marchi** - September 11, 2019 at 10:31 PM