



## Carole Lee Johns

December 27, 1932 - May 18, 2016

Carole Johns passed peacefully from this life into the next in the early morning of May 18th 2016, at her home in Yreka, CA. Carole was 83. She leaves behind her sisters Margie, Dorothy, and Harriette; her daughter Diane (Daryl), son Steven (Michele) and son David; her grandchildren Sarah, Laura (Joshua), Ben (Susanna), Grace (Scott), Rachel (Christian) and Zach; her great grandchildren Alex, Nehemiah, Malachi, Claire, Eva, Marley, Dahlia. and Rhea. She was preceded in death by her first husband Robert Russell and second husband Alan Johns.

Carole was born in Pasadena California to Margaret and Harry Wrede and moved to Yreka as a teenager. Her mother and sisters owned and operated the Little Gem Lunch in Yreka. Carole graduated from Yreka High School in 1950 then married Robert Russell of Hilt. They eventually settled in Roseville, CA and had three children. Carole worked in the Business Office handling the payroll for the Roseville City School District until she retired in 1993. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Roseville, then St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights. She volunteered her time at the Sunrise Pregnancy Counseling Center in Citrus Heights and was active in Placer County Republican politics. After her husband Robert passed away in 1991 she moved back to Yreka where she met Alan Johns while Square dancing. Carole and Alan married in 2001 and joined Christ Lutheran Church in Mount Shasta. Carole organized and hosted several family reunions over the years;

she loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. There were several appearances by the famous Andrew (Wrede) Sisters at these reunions.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church 1124 Pine Grove Dr. in Mt. Shasta California on Sunday June 5th 2016 at 10a.m. Lunch will follow. Carole will be laid to rest at 2p.m. at the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church Mt. Shasta or Life Issues Institute, 1821 W. Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45239.

Carole placed her full confidence and trust in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who promised: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and who ever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26.

# Cemetery Details

## Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery

15123 Oregon Road  
Hornbrook, CA 96044

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Christ Lutheran Church  
1124 Pine Grove Drive  
Mount Shasta, CA 96067

# Tribute Wall



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*Soon after, she drove me to the hospital for one of 3 surgeries, and checked on my progress as I got better. She listened to every gory detail with the patience of a saint.*

*Soon after our friendship evolved we both wanted to be more involved with Pro-Life work, and so now the adventure started. We had no idea the politics we were getting ourselves into--like picketing at abortion clinics with the threat of jail time, meeting with legislators and the clergy, letter writing campaigns, and so on. There was always work to be done, and sometimes Carole had to literally push me hard to stick to the plans. Because of Carole's hard work and perseverance, she is responsible for the Sunrise Pregnancy Crisis Clinic in Citrus Heights, CA. It was here that she trained volunteers to be crisis counselors and was able to secure pregnancy testing, educational supplies and spread the message that we must all be involved in some way to secure a reverence for life at all stages. During this time and up till the present, we had the privilege of meeting some of the finest people in the world. I went on to the legislative side of the movement, but Carole, and others like her did the hard core work which was talking to the mothers as they walked into the abortion clinics.*

*She was absolutely fearless, and again, had to poke me with her finger and march me up to the fight. I was all too comfortable sitting behind my typewriter and research projects. So, we were both consumed with God's work and we loved it. Carole's daughter, Diane Wheeler stepped forward during this time and dug in just like*

*her mom--now I had to answer to both of them. Well now, I am an old woman who cannot do all those compelling projects, and so I use Facebook to educate people. It causes controversy as you can imagine, but it has to be done. Got to keep going for Carole.*

*Carole had a full time job and a family to raise, but even then, she helped others in great need. Whether it was doing housework for a frail elderly lady, gathering blankets and goods for the poor, doing yard work for a political candidate's wife who was running for office, or just listening to my whining, she was an angel--an angel who I will so dearly miss--my truest best friend who was always there for me. When my husband died 18 years ago, she was right there with my family to take me out to dinner or go to my house and make sure I was ok--to stay overnite and watch over me. She was there when I took care of my mother with Alzheimer's for 4 years and had to have some relief.*

*Carole was an optimist--I was a pessimist. Carole was a Lutheran--I am a Roman Catholic. Oh, did we go round and round with that one. She told me not to worry though--when we met in heaven, she knew where to go to find me--to that big wall where only the Catholics were allowed. We will find each other, I am sure. Goodbye for now, dear one--sing with the Angels. No one could have had a better friend.*

*My family and I have all loved you, and we always will. Patty*

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**David Pabst** - June 05, 2016 at 12:44 AM



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**David Pabst** - June 05, 2016 at 12:43 AM

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“ *Carole was my walking buddy and friend when we both worked at Roseville City School District. I missed her so much when she left Roseville and thought about her often. I was happy for her when she remarried and enjoyed her family and friends so much after she moved. We kept in touch at Christmas for a long time. My condolences to the family.*

*Donna Cales*

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**Donna Cales** - June 01, 2016 at 12:15 PM

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“ *As Carole's predecessor at Roseville City, I have had fond memories of her wonderful sense of humor and amazing work. I think of her often and how wonderful her retirement life became. Rest in piece, your last payroll is sent off and you did wonderfully.*

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**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - May 24, 2016 at 03:58 PM