

## Obituaries

### Carol Nadine Stroup

May 21, 1939 – September 19, 2019

Carol Nadine Stroup, 80, of Redmond, and former longtime Sisters resident passed away of natural causes on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at her home in Redmond.

Carol was born on May 21, 1939, in Redding, California, to parents, John Henry and Ruth McDermott. Carol was raised in the Willamette Valley at her parents' farm, "McDermott's U Pick Strawberry and Bean Farm." She attended Jefferson High School. She had an unparalleled passion for her academics and time spent on the cheerleading squad. Carol enjoyed her childhood, she expressed real gratitude for what she had and would often share stories of what it was like growing up in the fifties. When she did so, it made you want to experience life from her perspective.

While attending and serving as maid of honor at her best friend Dortha's wedding in San Diego, she met the best man. That best man, James Harold Stroup, would become the love of her life. Stroup was serving

in the U.S. Navy overseas. They corresponded through handwritten letters and soon became engaged. They married in Albany, Oregon, on The McDermott's Farm, and in 1962 they started a family together.

Carol attended and graduated from Phagan's Beauty College and later became an instructor of cosmetology. She finished her cosmetology career in Sisters where she made many lifelong friendships. Carol absolutely cherished her clients and students. It is not uncommon to run across someone who expresses love and admiration of Carol.

Carol loved and supported her family and friends at every opportunity. She was kind, honest, caring, and instinctively rich in wisdom. This wisdom she shared openly and freely. Many have said that she was their favorite person. Carol is preceded in death by her parents John Henry and Ruth McDermott of Anderson, California; and by her husband, James Harold Stroup of Sisters.

Carol is survived by her four children: James Harold Stroup Jr. of Redmond,



Suzann Stroup of Denver, Colorado, John Henry Stroup of Boise, Idaho, and Jess H. Stroup of Kenai, Alaska; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Carol is also survived by her beloved cat, "Tiger Baby."

A Rosary will be held at 11:30 a.m. and a Mass will be held at noon at the New St. Francis Catholic Church in Bend on Wednesday, October 2, followed by the burial at Camp Polk Cemetery in Sisters. There will be a celebration of Carol's life after the burial held at 19576 SW Century Dr., Bend, OR 97702. All are welcome to attend. Flowers can be sent to Redmond Memorial Chapel, 717 SW 6th St., Redmond, OR 97756.

### John R. Allen

January 13, 1926 – September 18, 2019

John Allen passed away at Regency Prineville after a long illness.

John was born in Detroit, Michigan, and the family moved to Halifax, Virginia, when he was 5 years old.

He lived there until he was drafted in World War II. He was a Pharmacist's Mate in the Navy and was assigned to the U.S. Naval Receiving Hospital in San Francisco, California. When he was discharged, he went to Southern California and enrolled in Los Angeles State College majoring in human relations. After graduation, he went to work for Orange County as a probation officer. In 1963 he became Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Oroville, Butte County, California.

When he retired, he began his life of volunteering. He belonged to the Kiwanis Club, started a Key Club at Paradise High School, taught ski lessons through parks and recreation, and participated in Earth Day. He enjoyed downhill skiing, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting,



bike-riding, sailing, canoeing and ballroom dancing. He also enjoyed reading.

John and his wife, Jan, moved to Sisters in 1993. John immediately became involved in the community. In 1994 he found out that there wasn't going to be Earth Day observed in Bend and so he initiated a small observance. He was a volunteer ranger for the Sisters Ranger District one summer. His assignment was North & South Mathieu Lake and Square Lake. He enjoyed doing things that helped the environment around him.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years; his sons Carey, Keith and Kent; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

At his request, no services will be held.

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