



Carole Joyce Baron

November 26, 1934 - November 23, 2020

Carole Joyce Baron was born in Lubbock, Texas on November 26, 1934, to John Wilbur Gray and Floy Gray. Carole died Tuesday morning, November 23, 2020, in Prescott, Arizona. She was 85 years old.

In 1952 she married Don L. Allen in Lubbock, Texas. After moving with her family to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1958, she had two sons. Then, in 1975 Carole married Bud Leggett in Albuquerque, and had a daughter. Later, in 1981 she married Paul Baron in Albuquerque.

Carole loved being a mother, and unconditional love was her enduring gift. She was a natural artist, and life was her palette. Painting became her enduring passion, inspired by family, friends, and her love of the Southwest. Carole's zest for life, and exploration led to many memorable adventures in both the physical and the spiritual realm. Her sense of humor was epic, and her infectious laugh will be missed by many. Carole's artistry extended beyond her studio to writing, cooking, sewing and gardening.

In the late 1960's, Carole took a job at Starline Printing, thus launching a successful career in commercial art. She later worked for 4M Advertising, serving as their Art Director, and winning multiple awards for both radio and television ads. She later started Graydove Studios, doing freelance commercial art and painting, often contracting to paint portraits in oil. Carole relocated to Prescott, Arizona in 2019 to be closer to family, due to declining health.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents: brother, Gene Gray; sister,

Ruth Lewis; first husband, Don L. Allen and aunt, Myrtle Mozel Smith. She is survived by her husband, Paul S. Baron, of Albuquerque; sons, Darris Allen (Valerie) of Boco Raton, Florida and Timothy Allen (Suzanne) of Prescott, and daughter, Michelle Figueroa, of Prescott; grandsons, Brandon Allen, Lake Worth, Florida, Austin Allen, Winter Park, Colorado, Nicholas Phillips, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nathaniel Phillips, Albuquerque, New Mexico; granddaughter, Annabel Mae Allen, Boco Raton, Florida; great granddaughter, Nadia Phillips, Phoenix, Arizona; cousins, Mary Stephens, Weatherford, Oklahoma and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Carole's life will be scheduled at a later date, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local food bank in Carole's honor.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Our deepest condolences to your entire family from the Brasher family in Albuquerque*

James Brasher jr - November 16, 2023 at 01:40 PM

VM

“ *I am so sorry just to have learned of Carole's passing, but I am confident she was a welcomed Spirit among the Blessed. I remember Carole as a sweet, accepting person. She was loving, bright, creative and generous. We were not in contact for years, but she remained a constant presence because of the life we shared. No doubt everyone who knew Carole was in some way blessed; I felt that, and I hope she did also.*

V McNown - April 13, 2022 at 03:11 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Timothy Allen - December 06, 2020 at 01:02 PM

MA

“ I'm so sorry for the enormous loss you and your family are having to endure, Michelle. She was definitely one of a kind. I have always loved your Mother. I've never known a kinder, more accepting/loving soul.....My heart and prayers are with you and your entire family. I love you, MUCHO!
Monica P

Monica Aragon-Padilla - December 04, 2020 at 08:36 PM

GH

“ I never had the pleasure of getting to know Carole, however, I have been a close friend of her son Tim for many years. After reading her obituary I now know where Tim got his kindness, artistic ability and zest for life.

Gary Haines.

Gary Haines - December 04, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TA

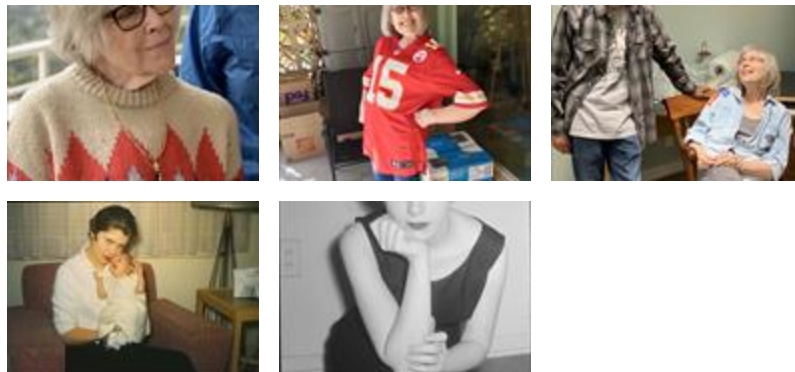
“ 4 files added to the album Sampling of Carole's paintings.



Timothy Allen - December 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Carole photos.



Timothy Allen - December 03, 2020 at 02:13 PM

RC

“ I write of a friendship that has lasted almost our entire lifetimes. We met in childhood when she was the "little girl next door" to a boyhood friend of mine in Lubbock. Then our lives diverged until twenty years later she was the wife of a new couple at our church in Albuquerque. As we incredulously discovered our childhood encounter, the friendship fell right in place. We each had two sons of similar age who also became friends.

Carole had become this strong personality, with a bit of a renegade streak. She was just fun to be around. Her talent abounded, but most specifically, she was an artist, a very versatile artist. Her sketches and portraits could capture the person but also special moments in time. She often shared her new paintings with us, some in process. That was a privilege.

The friendship never wavered as the decades went by, tough times and all. Her total joy of being alive and her unusual view of life made her an invigorating friend. Carole was special. She blessed my life richly by being my lifelong friend.

Roscoe L. Champion
Albuquerque

Roscoe Champion - December 03, 2020 at 11:55 AM

RS

“ *Carole was my friend. She was my hero. Carole and I met about twenty years ago through her grandson Nick Phillips and my son Dakota Crapse. Carole and Paul moved next door to me and became my neighbors a few years later. Carole and I were kindred spirits. We shared our love of art, of gardening, of writing, --of life. She and I could sit for hours talking and laughing and sometimes crying. She was a great listener and advisor, never judging, always inspiring and encouraging. Carole taught me many things to include how to make an apple pie. And we even shared the number three (3); it was one of our favorite numbers. Carole was beautiful and brave and one of my favorite persons that I had the honor of knowing in this journey we call life. She was loved and she will be missed by me, Rebecca Sedillo, her friend.*

Rebecca Sedillo - December 02, 2020 at 07:03 PM