



Helen "Carol" Sineath O'Steen

October 12, 1942 - August 1, 2020

Helen "Carol" Sineath O'Steen, 77, passed away at her home in Tallahassee on Saturday, August 1, 2020, after a long battle with heart disease.

Carol was known for her kind, generous, gracious, and loving spirit. She was genuine and sincere, smart and funny, devoted and giving and her hugs were the absolute best. There was never a question about where you stood with her. Carol spoke her mind with a friendly tone and could deliver unfavorable opinions in a firm, but loving way.

Carol shared life's adventures with her husband, Rip, whom she only agreed to married after he asked dozens of times and wrote a prenup on the side of a brown paper grocery bag. They loved one another deeply for nearly 60 years, respecting and encouraging each other along the way.

Everyone was welcomed into her heart and home. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. Carol came from a big family, and created an enormous family of friends during her lifetime. She showed us the importance of enjoying every moment and showering love and kindness on others.

Carol loved to "make memories" with those special to her. Whether sharing thoughtful gifts, enjoying dinner together, traveling to other states/countries, or

attending Gator football games (reveling in the music at halftime and cheering for both teams because “they all did good”), spending quality time with her loved ones was so important to her.

She volunteered thousands of hours as the enthusiastic Girl Scout troop leader for both of her daughters from Brownies to Seniors. Under her guidance, hundreds of scouts explored new concepts and horizons, learned about life in general through camping, cooking, attending 1976 Bicentennial celebrations, traveling to the 1984 World’s Fair in TN, and so much more. She led, along with Rip, young ladies to be their best including attaining their First Class Girl Scout Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Helen “Carol” (Sineath) O’Steen was born on October 12, 1942 to Helen Moore and Arthur Sineath in Lakeland, FL. She graduated from Kathleen High School in 1960 and she married her brother’s best friend, Clayton Elwin “Rip” O’Steen on September 9, 1961. Carol was preceded in death by her parents; beloved aunt, Ouita Cohen; and sister, Rose Harris. She is survived by her husband of almost 59 years; daughter and son-in-law, Jolene and John Paramore; daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Mark Friedman; granddaughter, Ella Noel Friedman; brother, Jack (Sue) Hogan; brother, Ronnie (Jeannie) Hogan; sister, Mary Jane DiLorenzo; brother, Jimmy (Nola) Hogan; sister, Ginny (Bob) Bless; sister, Betty Sue Hogan; sister, Becky (Tommy) Carroll; numerous nieces and nephews; and more friends than can be counted.

Thank you to the family, friends, medical professionals, especially Dr. Lynn Jones and her wonderful staff, Big Bend Hospice staff, and Hopewell caregivers who loved and supported Carol. Their kindness and compassion allowed her to end her beautiful life with dignity and grace.

Carol would love nothing more than to have her family and friends gather to comfort each other through hugs and conversation, however due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be an in-person service at this

time. Over the next few weeks, the family will be creating a memorial video to honor Carol's amazing life. Please share your memories of Carol by sending photos, videos, stories, or messages via email to MemoriesofCarol2020@gmail.com by August 31, 2020.

In celebration of her life, which was lived to its fullest, the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one of three organizations:

CHS, the amazing organization that coordinated the adoption of her granddaughter, Ella.

Children's Home Society of Florida – Big Bend – 1801 Miccosukee Commons Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308 or www.chsfl.org/donate

Girl Scouts, an institution that she was passionate about for years and utilized to mold young women in Marianna and Starke.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council – 1000 Shearer Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205 or www.girlscouts-gateway.org

Hospice, an organization that provided incredible care while providing dignity in her passing.

Big Bend Hospice Foundation - 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308 or

<https://bigbendhospice.charityproud.org/Donate>

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the O'Steen family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *She was no stranger when we first met. Her soul was so beautiful and she loved with open arms no matter what. Ms. Carol made me feel like I was one of hers. Will be truly missed. Love you mama Carol* 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️



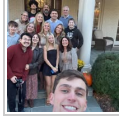
Keonna Parker - August 12, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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“ *A real sweetheart. I walked into her life and she lifted my spirit. I'm going to miss dancing with you love muffin. Love Jaleel and Mrs. K*



Katrissisa Holland - August 09, 2020 at 05:39 PM



Katrissisa,

You were a blessing to our family! You have such a special way with your patients, especially mom. Heck, mom treated you like family and wanted to take care of you! The time you spent with with her may not have been long, but the quality was incredible. Thank you for loving on mom and making her feel safe.

I can promise you that Mom is showering that sweet baby with love from Heaven above! When you dance with Ja'leel, just know that mom is dancing with you! Mom was always a hummer and a swayer, if you find yourself humming some random tune that you don't recognize while you are swaying with beautiful boy, just know that is Ms. Carol taking over for a few minutes!

*Love you!
Poppy, Jolene, and Heather*

Heather Friedman - August 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM



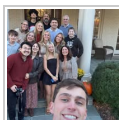
“ *She was the sweetest and most thoughtful lady. Just pure class. I'm grateful I got to speak to her on the phone. Condolences to all of her family. We will miss her so much.*

Dee Corley - August 06, 2020 at 04:13 PM



Sorry for the lose of s much loved lady. Prayers for the family 🙏🙏

Vickie Costine Forrest - August 06, 2020 at 10:18 PM



Dee and Vickie,

Thank you so much for the kind words. Mom was a very special lady. I am so happy that you were part of her family of friends!!

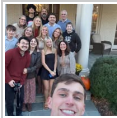
Heather O'Steen Friedman

Heather Friedman - August 07, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DH

“ *To Rip and Carol's Family.
To her daughters, son in laws, and her granddaughter Ella.
Our hearts are breaking along with yours.
Carol was treasured by all of the venders and customers at Scotts
and her other shows.
Carol was always looking out for her friends and strangers - anyone
who needed a hand.
I loved seeing her vacation pictures - She was so proud to travel
with Jolene and her husband and friends.
But her best stories were about Ella and her mom, Heather, and
Dad..
I hope all of you know how much she loved and bragged about you!
She was proud of all of you!
She made everyone feel special. - but Rip and her family were
always #1.
I will miss her!
Debbie Hreha*

Debbie Hreha - August 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM



Debbie,

Thank you so much for sharing your kind words. Mom had a second family at the shows for so many years. She valued her friendships so very much. Thank you for loving and appreciating the wonderful woman that she was.

Heather, Jolene, Rip, and Ella

Heather Friedman - August 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM

GR

It's never difficult to speak of a good person, especially a person as sweet and kind as Carol. My only regret is that Elwin and Carol lived in Tallahassee and we in Alachua, then DeLand. The family reunions were special so that we could visit with my relatives at least on these occasions. Carol, usually busy, busy in the kitchen preparing foods, and Elwin busy, busy preparing presentations and hosting. I want you to know how we greatly appreciated this throughout the years. Carol would always break from her kitchen work to cheerfully greet new arrivals. I can see her smiling face even now, and I do look forward to seeing her again across Jordan, along with the others who have gone before us. Love and prayers for you, Elwin, and for Carol's family. We will miss her smiling face until we meet again. 🙏❤️

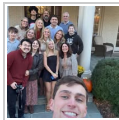
Gayle O'Steen Reuter - August 09, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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“ *So very sorry. We will miss her at all of the antique shows that we did with her. We will really miss her at the outside dinners we have at Scotts on Sat. nights. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She will truly be missed by all that knew her.*

Glen and Barbara Talbert

Barbara Talbert - August 03, 2020 at 05:04 PM



Barbara,

Thank you so much for being part of her "family of friends" in Atlanta. She loved the dinners together! We will all miss that genuine smile. Please know that she is still perusing the booths at Scott's with you each month!

Heather, Jolene, Rip , and Ella

Heather Friedman - August 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM