

Carol Towt

Carol Elizabeth Towt, 83, died May 26, 2001 at Loma Linda University Medical Center after suffering a stroke at her home in Barstow. Towt was born Carol Elizabeth Carnes on Dec. 3, 1917 in Roseburg, Ore., the daughter of John Howard Carnes and Olivia Risley Carnes. Carol graduated from Roseburg High School in 1934. Following graduation she attended the University of Oregon in Eugene and graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Carol returned to Roseburg and in 1940 began her teaching career at Roseburg High School where she taught shorthand and bookkeeping. While in Roseburg she married Jack Harding Towt, earned her pilot's license and worked as a bookkeeper for Flury Supply Company, a local logging supply firm. In 1957 Carol moved with her two children to Crescent City, Calif., where she taught at Del Norte High School. She later moved to the San Francisco Bay area and taught at Antioch High School before moving to Barstow in 1968. Carol taught at Barstow High School for the next 14 years. She retired in 1982 and became active in the California Retired Teachers Association, where she was Secretary of the Tumbleweed Division No. 74 from 1987 to 1999. Carol loved animals, especially her two Springer Spaniels, Fergie and Charlie. She volunteered as an income tax preparer for senior citizens and participated in community and political activities. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and actively served in various ministries, including Church Finance, Christian Education, and Missions. She had just recently written an article commemorating the 50th anniversary of the church. She is survived by her two sons, Richard of San Diego and Howard of Parker, Colo. She has three grandchildren: Nicolle Tomlinson of Santee, Calif., Matthew Towt of San Diego and Christopher Towt of Parker, Colo. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001 at First United Methodist Church, 608 Barstow Road. Graveside services will be held at the Civil Bend Cemetery in Winston, Ore., on June 2, 2001. Chapel of the Firs in Sutherlin, Ore., will be handling the arrangements. Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Gift Fund, 608 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

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