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Carla Lani Cannon, passed away February 17, 2011, in South Jordan, Utah, from a brain tumor. Born Oct. 29, 1945, she was the second of six children born to D. James and Elaine A. Cannon, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother James Q. Cannon and his first wife, Christine Jacobsen Cannon; sister Christine Cannon; and brother Anthony Joseph Cannon. She is survived by sisters Susan Cannon McOmber (Bryant) Palo Alto, CA, and Holly Cannon Metcalf (Richard) Seattle, WA, as well as dozens of adoring nieces, nephews and cousins. Carla grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, attending East Millcreek and Dilworth Elementary schools, Hillside Junior High, and Highland High School. After graduating with a BA in French from the University of Utah, she lived and worked in Washington, D.C., for Colorado Congressman Brotsman; in Palo Alto and Menlo Park, California, for Sunset Magazine and Lane Publishing; in Salt Lake City, for Congressman Dan Marriott and Congressman David Monson, as administrative assistant at All-West Claims, and as editor of the Brite Music newsletter. Carla spent the most recent six years living and working in Sun River and St. George, Utah. Carla had a fascination for world history, in particular French and British history. She delighted in travel and in creating interesting itineraries. Hawaii was a special place to Carla. Her father, Jim, who served a mission to Hawaii and greatly loved the Hawaiian people, gave Carla a Hawaiian middle name. Jim often used Hawaiian phrases in the home and played the ukulele, serenading the children with Hawaiian songs. Carla joined the Navy Aviation Reserves attached to the Joint Intelligence Center of the Pacific at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. She served seven years. A passion for family history took hold at a young age when Carla received her first camera and began documenting family memories and events. She created an invaluable collection of ancestral and family photographs. Devoting thousands of hours to genealogical research, Carla submitted an impressive number of names for temple



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ordinances. Carla also served a Church mission for several years doing French name extraction. Included with other favorite callings, she loved working with Primary children teaching music and lessons. As the older sister of three younger girls, Carla organized a sisters' quartet whom she taught to harmonize. They continued singing together for many years. From early high school through college and beyond, Carla was also part of a popular singing group called the Hi-Notes which performed at many venues around Salt Lake City. Recently, Carla fulfilled a life-long dream of writing text for a hymn which she paired with a Chopin etude. Friends have described Carla as good natured, generous, compassionate, non-judgmental, loving and full of creative and interesting ideas. Her stories of family experiences have delighted her nieces and nephews over the years, who have designated Carla as Favorite Aunt. She will be dearly missed and clearly and lovingly remembered. The family suggests donation to LDS Church Humanitarian Aid Center or to the Perpetual Education Fund. Memorial service on February 22, 2011 at the Federal Heights Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road, Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 11 AM. Interment in Salt Lake City Cemetery.



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MW

Mary Kay Willden posted:

I worked with Carla at Brite Music. She turned the Brite Newsletter into a great publication that no one else could match up to. I loved working with her and thought she was so awesomely friendly, and wish to extend my condolences to her family. Carla was someone I feel lucky to have known.

February 24 at 6:35 AM

NT

Nancy Trunnell posted:

Carla was one of my closest and dearest friends for over 35 years. My heart is broken that she was struck with this awful illness and taken from us so early. However, I know she suffered greatly and I'm thankful her death came quickly. I will love and miss this most special person forever.

Nancy Trunnell

February 23 at 9:59 AM

SS

Steve & Lorraine Swiftg posted:

Dear Cannon Family, In the Washington Ward in the late 1960's when a group of 6 (or was it 7?) beautiful young ladies arrived from the University of Utah, for us guys it was a real event. Each was special. I wanted to date them all. Carla was an instant and constant friend. With Carla I could always be myself. She would look you right in the eye with her sparkling eyes and listen to you with her full attention. Carla's loyalty and genuineness and fun personality were always evident. Over the years, I was (and am) confident that if and when I see Carla again, that close kinship I felt with her 40 years ago will be instantly present. Thank you, Carla, for being a friend. Love, Steve Swift

February 19 at 2:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carla by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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