

Carol Lou Treat



Carol Lou Treat was born in Annapolis, Maryland on August 29, 1931 to Carol Moyne Dean and Burnett Forrest Treat. She and her siblings, Dean Treat and Mary Beal were raised in Annapolis, Maryland and Lawrence, Kansas before moving to Austin, Texas. Carol Lou received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Texas before teaching, coaching, and counseling in Austin Independent School District for many years. She also wrote and published several books on counseling. Carol Lou was a mentor to her students and fellow teachers and formed many enduring friendships that continued throughout her life.

After retiring from AISD, Carol Lou moved to her beloved cabin in Lago Vista and began a series of retirement pursuits that impacted as many people as her years of teaching and counseling. The partnership of Treat and Rogers created some of the most lifelike bird carvings ever seen. Carol Lou donated the birds that remained in her possession to the Friends of Balcones Canyonlands. They are on display at the Balcones Canyonlands Visitor's Center on FM 1431 west of Lago Vista. Carol Lou played golf with the Lago Vista Women's Golf Association, became a founding member of Rolling Hills Community Church, served as an EMT with the Lago Vista Volunteer Fire Department, and was instrumental in the creation of Lago Vista PAWS (later known as Lifelong Friends). She fostered many litters of pups, bathed them all before pet store adoptions and took many of the special needs dogs into her family.

Despite her declining health in recent years, Carol Lou remained an active supporter of Knit a Square, environmental causes, animal rescue, macular degeneration research, and progressive political concerns. She will be missed by family and friends and will be remembered for her quick wit, outspoken opinions, and generous spirit.

Carol Lou left her earthly shell on March 30, 2018. There is a great reunion of four legged and two legged friends in heaven today. A celebration of Carol Lou's life is being planned for a future date. A gift to Lifelong Friends of Lago Vista or a charity of your choice can be made in Carol Lou's memory. Her friends and family want to express their appreciation to the staff and management of Riva Ridge Assisted Living and Guiding Hospice for their gentle care in her last weeks.

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