

## Carol Joye Scott – A Brief Life History

Our dear friend, mother, grandmother, aunt and mentor, Carol Joye Scott, left us peacefully early on Monday, September 9, 2024, after living a life full of love and service to family and to others.



It was in Colorado that she started her 91 year journey through life. She grew up in Pueblo, Colorado, but then moved to Estes Park with her parents, when she was a teenager and it was there she met her husband, Jim Scott, after being introduced by his ex-girlfriend. They were married in 1955 and welcomed five children into their family, Shari, Christy, Karen, Robert and Jonathan. After Jim completed his Veterinarian school in 1960, he was invited to join a vet practice in

Anchorage and the growing family arrived in Alaska on July 4, 1960.

Throughout her life Carol worked as a nurse, helped Jim manage his veterinarian practice, cared for her children and was constantly active in community service. She shared that “It seemed like I was always President of something.” She was an avid Girl Scouter, starting when she was 8 years old, eventually serving for many years as the President of the Girl Scouts Susitna Council. She was active with Chapter E of PEO. Carol advocated strongly for improved services for special needs



children and their parents, resulting in her receiving the First Lady Award from Bella Hammond.

Carol was active in the lives of her children and then with her grandchildren, as well as serving in numerous roles at St. Mary's Episcopal Church throughout the years. Even when she and Jim moved into the Anchorage Pioneer Home, she promptly got elected to the Resident Council, advocating for improvements and increased opportunities for residents there.

She lost her beloved husband of 61 years in 2017. She also was pre-deceased by her daughter, Shari, and son, Jonathan. She is survived by her daughters, Christy and Karen, son Robert, son-in-law, Jim Henkelman; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Lindsay, Emily, Joye and Dustin and three great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends.

She will be remembered for her welcoming spirit, always willing to take people in, help them and make them feel part of the family. She was a strong supporter and advocate for her husband's favorite project, the Bird Treatment and Learning Center, and wanted any donations to be sent there.

