



Carol D Gillen

December 25, 1939 - January 13, 2026

Carol D. Gillen Obituary

Carol was born at home in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Opal and Ellis Speakman on Christmas Day in 1939. After the Dust Bowl years, she and her family moved to Castle Rock, Washington in 1947 where she grew up and met her future husband, Paul Gillen. After high school she attended Beauty School in Portland, Oregon and then moved to Toledo, Oregon in 1959 where she spent the rest of her life.

Carol and Paul married in 1960 and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2025. She was a beloved and devoted wife and mother, choosing to be a stay-at-home mom raising four children and many foster children through the years. Her home was open to all who came, whether for a short visit or several days or even weeks. She loved to give haircuts to anyone who wanted one and gave hundreds over the years. Besides being an excellent gourmet cook, she had many

creative talents including oil painting, ceramics, knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, needlepoint, and gardening.

Carol and Paul were lifelong members of Toledo First Baptist Church where she taught children's Sunday School for several decades, loved to sing in the choir, helped prepare meals for various gatherings, and actively participated in all church meetings and functions. She was a woman of strong faith and was a living example of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31.

As was her desire, Carol passed away peacefully at home on January 13, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. Hers was a life well-lived in service to others.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Bateman Funeral Home, 915 NE Yaquina Heights Dr. Newport, OR 97365.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (PT)

Bateman Funeral Home
915 NE Yaquina Heights Drive
Newport, OR 97365

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a sweet lady that exemplified the love Of Jesus Christ. It was my privilege to be her pastor (interim), but loved her and Paul dearly. There will be a sweet reunion in heaven with this dear Saint.
Pastor Bobby Blake*

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