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Vivian Jean Carter

September 15, 2025



Vivian Jean Carter, resident of Klamath, California, passed away on July 4, 2025, at the age of 80.

Vivian was born on July 16, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri, to William and Helen McDonald. She was the eldest of six siblings: Judy Kapolcyzinski, Billy McDonald, Danny McDonald, Donny McDonald, and Michael McDonald.

In 1962, Vivian met her future husband, Harold “Phil” Carter, during a train trip to the Seattle World’s Fair. The two were married later that year on September 7, beginning a 60-year journey of love and family.

Vivian had a vibrant and caring spirit. She was known for her warm smile, quick wit, and kindness. She brought joy and laughter to the nurses and staff who cared for her. But most of all, she cherished time spent with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Carter. She is survived by her three daughters: Patty Johnson (Don), Sheri Blankenheim (Charlie), and Julie Bjorkstrand (Erik); nine grandchildren: Lizz Johnson, Matthew Stevens (Shermila), Christopher Stevens (Cheryl), Nicholas Johnson, Michael Clark, Samuel Clark,

Katie Takemura (Kawai), Bradley Blankenheim, and Taylee Bjorkstrand; one great-grandson, Kyran; and a great-granddaughter on the way.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Veterans section of Crescent City Cemetery, where Vivian will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband.

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