

Carol Dean is a saint in my estimation. After ^(my) teaching my grandson to play the piano for many years, he asked me to teach him to play the organ. All I could do was teach him a few basics, then I sent him to BYU Organ Workshop. He was introduced to Sr. Dean who observed his talent and wanted to teach him, even though his parents could not afford to pay for lessons.

Her love for the organ ^{and her expert teaching} was passed on through her teaching him, and he has played the organ expertly - on ward and state levels for more than 20 years!

Carol reminded me of one of my favorite sayings: "Miracles come after a lot of hard work"!

I only knew her for a few years at the end of her life. Visiting her a few months before she passed, it was a treat to hear her reminisce about her childhood in Durango and her life-long commitment to her family and music! What a woman. She had firm beliefs and ideals, and she lived them.

It ~~is~~ ^{is} my pleasure and honor to say I knew Carol. (By the way, we came with treats and a "Comfort Bag" at our final visit. It was clear she didn't think any of it was necessary, but appreciated the nice gesture. 😊)

Martha McMullen

Carol Dean was an amazing woman. She was a teacher and motivator for many students, including my son Nick. She gave him free lessons, took him to recitals, and gave him the desire to be a great man. With her encouragement, he spent hours in the chapel practicing hymns, which impacted his spirituality beyond measure. He still spends hours in the chapel practicing hymns - and has now for 20 years, thanks to Carol.

I sure love and admire her!
- Terri Martin

Carol was my friend as well as my
teacher. I learned much about organ
playing from her, but I also learned
about character and about life. There
was nothing "in between" when it came to
playing correctly and also in life. She
set high standards for herself & for her
students. She greatly impacted my love for
organ and blessed my life in many ways.
I miss her and continue to play for her!

Ann Johnson

I was fortunate to take 2 years
from Carol. I played over fifty
years without a lesson and
found correct playing
incredibly difficult. Carol was
quite a taskmaster & gave me
difficult pieces right off the bat.
It was so difficult I thought
of quitting but am so glad I
didn't.

It took over two years to
pass off my first Bach piece.
Thanks, Carol. I'm definitely
a better organist & have always
loved playing for the
congregation.

Janice Corner

O.S. When she couldn't teach anymore
I thought of taking a break but
she had already set me up with
a new teacher!

Carol blessed my life in many ways!
She taught me that even in your older
years you can still do hard things, like
learning to play the organ and performing
in recitals. I'll always admire and love
Carol for sharing her talents and friend-
ship with me.

Becky Azera

I met Carol Dean while desperately seeking
help to learn how to be a new ward
organist who knew NOTHING about the organ
and who was a less-than-average pianist.
I needed major help! and Carol provided
the support and knowledge for me to become
a competent (or better) ward organist over the
next 3 years. More than that - she became my
treasured mentor + friend. I love Carol Dean
Nancy Cluff

Carol was my choir director & I considered her friend.

The music skills she taught me will remain with me forever.

She was an amazing, talented & caring woman.

Thank you Carol.

Lou Radebaek Fry

I had the privilege of observing her teach a friend of mine to play the organ. She was so amazing and intelligent. Hopefully they have a pipe organ in heaven.

Carol & I were students at BYU
together in the 90's. She was always
enthusiastic about our music classes
and I was really impressed that after
graduating she went on to get her
master's degree. She was great!

Dayle Jansworth

Carol was always a perfectionist
expecting the best from all of us.

She was dedicated to bringing the
spirit of the Lord into the playing of
Hymns. Her edited Hymn Book will
always be valuable to me. She is missed.
Nanette Allen

I remember when Carol came to Provo many years ago + I became acquainted with her when she was taking organ lessons. She came to my home to observe me teaching piano as a requirement for one of her pedagogy classes. ^{BYU} She was very easy to be around + I considered it a great compliment to have her critique me. I have so enjoyed her friendship over ^{the} years. She may have seemed abrasive to some, but Carol often displayed a very tender heart + emotions about her music.

Lori Serr

Carol was a Mama Bear - always supportive, always encouraging, but it had better be done right! I never appreciated that so much as when I began teaching students, and went to her for advice. She took me under her wing, loaded me up with resources, and made me feel like her own joy. I'll be living on her encouragement for years to come, grateful that I could be mentored by such a force of nature.

Linda Rodeback

When I was 8 I went to the BYU Super
Saturday. I got to do the Organ Lab &
Carol Dean taught me my first pedal lesson!
I think Carol was an awesome organist!

Love, Braxton
Ward
(age 11)

Carol's favorite quotes:

Every adversity, every failure, every
heartache, carries with it the seed
of an equal or greater benefit
- Napoleon Hill

Doesn't matter how smart you are
if you are not going to do anything
about it - Carol Dean →

When I graduated from high school Carol gave me a copy of Orgelbuchlein, her favorite collection of Bach organ music, as a graduation present. Carol was so amazing to me; she was an amazing teacher, mentor, friend, and example for me. She gave me organ lessons every week for free my senior year of high school and the summer after. When my wife and I got sealed she couldn't make it, so instead she and her husband came with me when I got my Endowments a month prior to my sealing. Carol is one of the people who touched my life the most, and I'm so grateful for the great opportunity I had to know her. She will be missed.

-Nick Martin

Carol loved telling the history of the Bigelow. She would light right up. And was even emotional on occasion. She was so proud that she and other members of her ward ~~carved~~ did the floral carvings. She had a great respect for the organ.