

Louise Power

30 May 1941 — 28 August 2018

Carole Louise Power passed away at age 77 in her home in Medford, Oregon on August 28, 2018. She was born May 30, 1941 in Kahn Memorial Hospital, Marshall, Texas, to Jack Harold Power and Velva Maxine (Fox) Power. Both Parents and her maternal and paternal grandparents preceded her in death. She is survived by her only sister, Jodell Power Miller, La Vernia, Texas, and many cousins in the Power and Fox families.



Louis Power at 23, provided by sister Jodell.



Louise, late 1960s, by Carl E. Kunath.

Louise graduated from Marshall High, Marshall, Texas, and Panola Junior College, Carthage, Texas. She attended The University of Texas in Austin, where she made many friends and traveled on many caving trips in Texas and Mexico. She also enjoyed folk singing in the Student Union at The University. Later in life, she returned to college and graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Park Management. She also received her Master's Degree from Texas Tech University.

Louise had a varied working career. She worked at The University of Texas, and when she moved to Houston, she was first employed by an advertising agency. She continued her interest in caving and cave rescues during her time there. She was also employed by Rice University before she decided to attend Texas Tech University. She was always interested in traveling and travelled for several months in Europe. Louise had an interest in National Parks and conservation, which lead her to become a Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico. During this time she gave lectures to student groups in the area and wrote articles, besides her normal duties at the Caverns. Eventually Louise was employed by the Bureau of Land Management, where she worked mainly in Nevada and Utah. She spent some of her BLM career as a fire fighter and documented areas of Federal Lands that had never been occupied. She enjoyed photographing these areas both on the ground, camping, and from a helicopter. During her later career, she worked in the BLM office in Medford, Oregon, where she retired on May 30, 2017.

Besides Louise's interest in BLM activities, she spent many hours tracing her family genealogy. She was successful in tracing the families as far back as the Mayflower. Another interesting fact that the family had always known, was that

Louise's great grandmother, Jane Elizabeth (Burnette) Fox, and Jane's identical twin, Sarah Eliza Burnette, received a silver spoon from Queen Victoria after they were born in England in 1855. The spoon recognized the sisters for being the smallest identical twins to survive in England at that time. That spoon was one of Louise's greatest treasures and she was still in possession of the spoon when she passed away.

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Louise was a regular on caving trips from Austin and Houston, and had many friends. From Oregon she kept in touch with us on the TexasCavers mailing list. We miss her.

William R. Elliott
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