

KINNEY -- Carol Naus (Roberts), one of New Mexico's civic leaders for five decades, died December 16, 2005 at age 82, from a stroke and fall while visiting Massachusetts. Carol was born May 7, 1923, in Minneapolis, MN. She attended Mount Holyoke College, and graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Bacteriology. In 1951, she arrived in Los Alamos, NM, with her late husband, Thomas R. Roberts, a physicist. Carol worked as a health research assistant with the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory 1964–1970. Carol's joy in life was civic engagement. In Los Alamos, she served as League of Women Voters president; County School Budget commissioner; chair of the Citizen's Committee that planned the transfer of federal property to Los Alamos residents; Los Alamos Hospital board president; Girl Scouts leader. After being widowed in 1968, Carol was elected to the Los Alamos City–Council later that year. In 1970, she married widower Harry E. Kinney, a City Commissioner and subsequently a two–time Mayor of Albuquerque. For the next 35 years, Carol put her expertise and heart into helping various organizations achieve new levels by serving on Boards and Advisory Boards throughout New Mexico. They include: New Mexico Nature Conservancy, New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, Santa Fe Opera, University of New Mexico (UNM) Cancer Center and the Foundation Board, Albuquerque Ethics and Campaign Practices Board, University of Albuquerque, New Mexico Governor's Mansion Association, Albuquerque Volunteer Center, New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards Council, and the June Music Festival. Carol respected the preservation of human diversity and served on the Hispanic Cultural Foundation. Her concern for natural diversity led her to co–found the New Mexico Nature Conservancy, to chair the Chamber of Commerce's Task Force for the River and Mountain Parkways, and to help create the Rio Grande Nature Center. Carol advocated for educational opportunities in New Mexico, serving on the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of New Mexico. For UNM's centennial, she chaired the Community Outreach Committee. Carol cherished the privilege to serve as Albuquerque's "First Lady" (1974–77, 1981–85) and the honor of induction into Albuquerque's Senior Hall of Fame. Carol was both a homebuilder and real estate broker, using her knowledge of Albuquerque to help people settle into the community. Carol's optimism, guidance, enthusiasm, and generosity will be missed by all whose lives she touched and those of us who loved her dearly: companion, Allan Levine; her children of Albuquerque: Thomas N. Roberts and wife, Leah Albers, Margaret E. Roberts, Shelley Roberts and husband, Duane M. Moore; former–husband, Harry E. Kinney and family:

Charlotte, Don, Margaret: granddaughters, Leslie and Holly; sister, Margaret E. Spellacy of San Diego and family. Cremation has taken place, and a family ceremony will be held at Guaje Pines Cemetery in Los Alamos. A January Memorial Service in Albuquerque is being planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra or the Rio Grande Nature Center for their educational programs.