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In Memoriam: Carole M. Hertz (17 August 1932–3 September 2024)

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Carole Meisner Hertz was born in Brooklyn, New York, on 17 August 1932. She passed away 3 September 2024 in Escondido, leaving behind her daughters Suzanne Hertz Parlett and Ruth (husband John) Weber, four grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Jules Hertz on 16 February 2018. She met Jules Hertz on an all-girls vacation trip to the Catskills in the summer of 1954, and they married in 1956, remaining happily together until Jules' death in 2018.

Following a move with Jules to California in 1957, Carole became interested in shell collecting after finding the shell of a *Megastraea undosa* (Wood, 1828) at Point Loma, near her home in San Diego. She and Jules joined the San Diego Shell Club (SDSC) in 1965 and spent the next four decades as energetic members and leaders of the Club.

In addition to serving at various times as librarian, treasurer, secretary, or president, Carole served from 1970–2014 as editor of *The Festivus*, the SDSC's monthly peer-reviewed and highly respected publication. Under her leadership *The Festivus* published significant papers on malacological and conchological subjects by expert amateur club members and numerous recognized malacological authorities. She participated in various SDSC events, SCUM (Southern California Union of Malacologists) and WSM (Western Society of Malacologists) meetings. She served as President of the WSM in 1987.

Carole published over 200 papers and notes in *The Festivus*, *The Nautilus*, *Venus*, and other malacological journals. Five species of mollusks have been named in Carole Hertz's honor. She had a broad expertise in malacology and was always enthusiastic, outgoing, and genial, truly interested in others and supportive of what they were doing.

[See also Bertsch & Dees, 2025, "In Memoriam," *The Festivus* 57(1): 50-60, and Bertsch, Groves & Dees, 2025, "Invertebrate Eponyms Honoring Women Members of the Western Society of Malacologists," *WSM Occasional Paper* No. 4: 270 pp.]



Left: Jules and Carole Hertz, 2013 WSM meeting; photo by Paul Valentich-Scott. **Right:** WSM Presidents Carole Hertz (1987), Carol Skoglund (1981), and Kirstie Kaiser (1994); photo San Diego, 1998, courtesy of Kirstie Kaiser.