

Carol Thomas - 2014 Ms. Senior Michigan



Carol has had the pleasure of living in Michigan for 38 years!

Carol has always had a passion for the piano, entering Arizona State University as a piano performance major and performing professionally during her college years. ASU named Carol "Woman of the Year". She was elected Kaydette Commander by Army ROTC.

Then Carol attended Michigan State University where she received a master's degree in counseling and higher education and met her husband, Gerry. They have been married for 36 years and have three sons and a daughter, as well as two grandchildren. Her family has always been the great joy of her life!

In 1988 she was crowned Mrs. Michigan and competed for the title of Mrs. America. She also did extensive modeling, including runway, print and television commercials.

At the age of 40, while raising 4 young children, Carol started law school and was named valedictorian commencement speaker. She has practiced Elder Law for 16 years, helping seniors with difficult decisions and preparing necessary legal documents. She has always had a great respect for the military so she is proud to be an accredited veterans' administration attorney helping veterans receive their well-deserved benefits. Carol loves educating the public, regularly giving seminars to church groups, community organizations and veterans groups throughout Michigan. She is a frequent guest on the radio discussing legal and health issues which affect seniors.

Seven years ago Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer. A routine mammography led to a double mastectomy resulting in a cure. It is important to her to get the message out to other women about the importance of early detection.

As Carol enters her 60's, she feels blessed for her family and career and is excited for what lies ahead!